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# Sultan slams Arab leaders

**LOS ANGELES (JTA) —**

Arab leaders who sided with Iraq will go under with Saddam Hussein, according to Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States.

Taking off his diplomatic gloves, Prince Bandar ibn Sultan described Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat as a "clown," King Hussein of Jordan as a "goner" and Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh as "an illiterate man."

Signaling a radical change in Saudi Arabia's longtime policy of building an Arab consensus, the diplomat said that all of Saddam Hussein's supporters would share in his defeat or be stripped of all influence in the Middle East.

The one exception, Bandar said in a luncheon interview with the Washington bureau of the Los Angeles Times, was the Palestinian people. They, though not their leaders, would be forgiven, because "they are not against me," the prince said.

He excused their support of Iraq by saying, "they are just frustrated, and they want anything to happen that could move something." He added that he was convinced the Palestinians are "sobering up."

Bandar also announced that his government will shortly publish details of its aid program to other Arab nations, revealing that pro-Iraqi leaders received, and apparently embezzled, millions of dollars before the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War.

The Saudi ambassador has played a key role in strategy meetings of the U.S.-led coalition since Iraq invaded Kuwait. He is well connected within the Saudi power structure as son of the defence minister, brother of the overall Saudi military commander and brother-in-law of the foreign minister.

**Arafat, the "clown."**

He ridiculed in equal measure Arab leaders who failed to join the fight against Saddam Hussein and those American analysts who have predicted that Saddam will emerge as a hero whether he wins or loses the war.

"Arabists in the United States sell the Arabs short," the prince said. "They think either we don't have any brains or they think of us in a romantic sense — white robes, white horses."

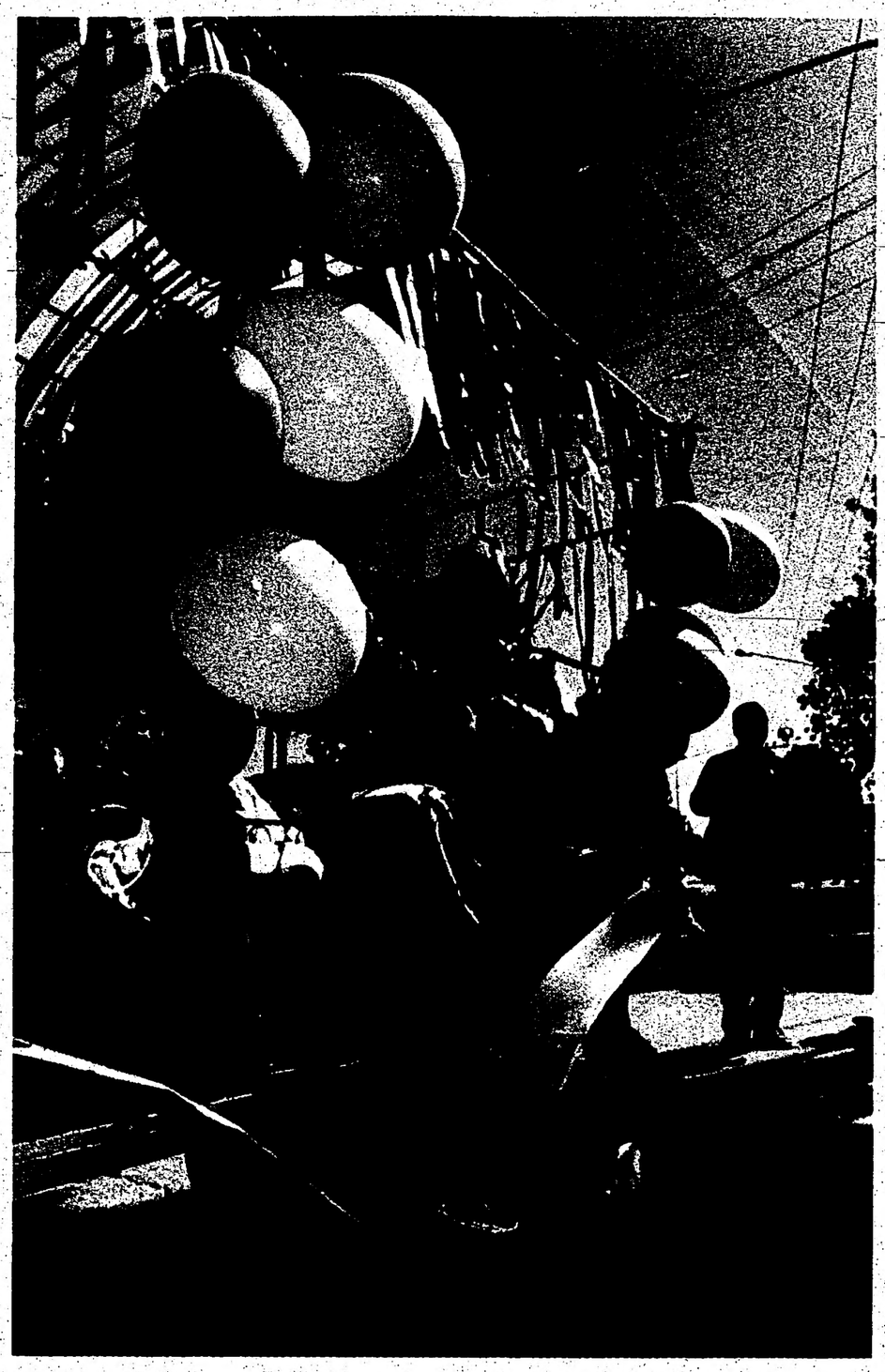
Reserving some of his bitterest scorn for King Hussein, Bandar predicted the end of the Jordanian monarch as a serious Arab leader.

"He earned our disrespect, and he earned Saddam Hussein's contempt," Bandar said. "He was our friend for 40 years, and he sold us out, just like this.

"He cheered Saddam Hussein for five months," the prince said. "In fact, (King) Hussein was more eloquent that Saddam in expressing his cause. And when the chips were down and we were hammering Saddam like hell, Hussein of Jordan said, 'But I'm neutral.' "

Despite what pundits predict, Saddam Hussein will not inherit the mantle of Arab hero worn by Gamal Abdel Nasser, the former Egyptian president, who led his country into disastrous wars with Israel in 1956 and 1967, according to Bandar. Though defeated, Nasser retained his country's infrastructure and institutions, he said, while Saddam "has nothing. He doesn't even have a house to go back to."

Bandar described most of Iraq's supporters in the Arab world as impoverished nations with rich and corrupt leaders. In publishing an account of its foreign aid program, the Saudi government will show the citizens of the recipient countries that they were made poor in part by their leaders, the Saudi envoy said.



## PURIM PARADE

**Zvi Belski, the mayor of Ra'anana, participated in last year's Purim parade by putting on a Yemenite costume and handing out candies. [IPPA photo]**

# *Stern fiddles while Scuds bit sour note*

**JERUSALEM (JTA) —**

The only casualty of a lone Scud missile fired into Israel on Saturday night was Mozart's Third Violin Concerto.

It was being performed by American virtuoso Isaac Stern when an air raid alert interrupted a concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Zubin Mehta.

Stern, who was winding up an unscheduled week-long concert tour of Israel which he undertook as a gesture of solidarity with the Jewish state, left the stage briefly with the entire IPO company to get their gas masks.

But he returned alone a few moments later without a mask and took up fiddle and bow to give a solo rendition of a Bach Adagio not on the program while the alert continued. His performance captured the hearts of his listeners, who wore gas masks throughout the piece.

The concert was one of the first given since the Gulf War began. The orchestra, which began concertizing again last week under the baton of Mehta, has still not returned to its home base at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium.

Saturday night's audience at the Jerusalem Theatre, which included Defence Minister Moshe Arens, had donned their masks on instructions from the theatre manager when the alert sounded. The concert goers breathed a collective sigh of relief when Arens, who had left briefly to speak to his office by telephone, returned calmly to his seat.

Members of the audience, protected by their masks, listened raptly to one of the world's greatest violinists, who had sought out a concert here at this time out of feelings of kinship with Israel.

Stern ended the concert with an encore piece by Fritz Kreisler and was then rushed to Ben-Gurion Airport for his flight home to New York.

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## SHOWING THE FLAG

**With every Scud that's hurtled towards Israel, the spirit and resolve of the Israelis gets stronger. All over Israel, the national flag hangs on buildings, cars and billboards. Here, one of the largest flags ever seen in the country covers the front of the Habimah National Theatre in central Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]**

## CJN introduces new page

With this issue of The Canadian Jewish News, we introduce *Front Line*, a new page of opinion and commentary which will begin our Op-Ed section.

It will feature **Ruth R. Wisse,** who teaches in the department of Jewish studies at McGill University in Montreal, and who has written extensively on cultural and political affairs for a wide variety of North American publications. Her columns, which began running in The CJN on Jan. 24, will alternate with those of **Yeshayahu Anug,** Israeli ambassador to Canada from 1979 to 1983.

Ambassador Anug, who is now based in Jerusalem, writes for both Israeli and international journals. We believe you will find his perspective on both Canadian and Israeli issues stimulating. His first column appears on page 9 of this issue.

*Front Line* will also carry commentary from CJN editor **Patricia Rucker** and regular columnist **Arnold Ages,** guest columnists and features from the New York Times.

On page 11, look for a new column by Miami writer **Erica Meyer Rauzin.** Her observations on the joys of Jewish family life will appear every two weeks.

# Canada

## UJA, UIA launch emergency campaign

# *Economic downturn, war affect Israeli-based groups*

By
RON CSILLAG

**CRUNCH in the Community**

**Fourth in a series on the effects of the recession on the Jewish community**

TORONTO —

It's said good (and bad) things come in threes, but this triple whammy is testing even Toronto Jewry's enviable fund-raising apparatus: Between Operation Exodus, the recession and the emergency cash campaigns for Israel following the Iraqi Scud attacks, there's simply less money for the myriad of Israel-based organizations in the city.

Operation Exodus ended last October and Toronto Jewry donated or pledged $57 million to the campaign.

About the same time, the economy began slowing down, which means less disposable income for individuals and hard times for charities.

Then, in January, the Scuds began raining on Israel and the money machinery kicked into high gear again. UJA and the United Israel Appeal launched an emergency campaign. This wasn't for pledges, but for hard cash, to be paid now.

Canadian Magen David Adom, which raises money for the Israeli version of the Red Cross, also went to the well for emergency relief supplies. The Tel Aviv Foundation appealed for money to help begin rebuilding the 1,000 or so buildings damaged or destroyed in the missile madness.

State of Israel Bonds got into the act, with an emergency blitz to raise $10 million in securities immediately.

As if those weren't enough, tourism to Israel is decimated, unemployment is rising and Soviet Jews continue to pour in by the thousands. The nation's treasury, it's fair to assume, just won't have much more money for Israeli universities, schools and hospitals.

Those facilities may need more but it's likely that less will be raised here for them because of the economic climate and a community that's being tapped out. Across the board for Israel-based groups, 1991 will be a bullet-biting year.

**Ben Prossin**

• At the Jewish National Fund, pledges and cash are down between eight and 10 per cent, says director Ben Prossin. "That's considered not too bad," Prossin says, "what with Operation Exodus, the recession and the fact that our shaliach (Col. Joshua Bar-Am) had been ill for the last four months." (Bar-Am died earlier this month). Rather than pursue large gifts, JNF is stressing smaller donations and is gearing up for its annual Negev dinner on Sunday, Dec. 1. The organization is also marking its 90th anniversary this year. For 1991, "we're being cautiously optimistic," Prossin says. "We're sensitive to the fact that the recession and Operation Exodus have affected the community."

• "People are turning inward" during the recession, says Sheila Dropkin, national director of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Foundation. "They're not participating to the same extent in terms of galas. But we're finding that in times of crisis, people dig deeper." The foundation, which raises money for one of Israel's largest hospitals, also mounted an emergency drive after the Scud attacks. "We were very pleasantly surprised at the response," Dropkin says. But for normal fund raising, such as a planned concert in April, the foundation has noted a marked drop in participation.

• The same pattern is being noticed at Na'amat, the women's group that raises money for a variety of social services, schools and day care centres in Israel, says executive director Lorraine Levene. "We're feeling the pinch in our capital campaign. That has come to a standstill." But Na'amat has also launched an emergency drive to resettle those whose homes were destroyed in the missile attacks, and for that, "people are finding the dollars. I certainly can't complain."

## ORT pledges paid more slowly

• Ditto at Women's Canadian ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training), which launched a special drive to repair several of its vocational and technical schools hit by Scuds in Tel Aviv. The campaign did very well, but overall, women's ORT "is a bit down," says national executive director Diane Uslaner. "We're finding that pledges made before the Gulf War are being paid more slowly." Uslaner says that ORT, and probably other organizations, will have to rethink what fund raising is all about in these lean times. "The old-time things, like $500 per person dinners and fashion shows, don't work anymore. We'll have to get more serious and less frivolous."

• At the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the most successful fund raiser among the Israeli universities, the current economic climate "is the worst we've seen since the 1981-82 recession," says executive vice-president Shimon Arbel. The Friends anticipate revenue for 1990-91 to be $13 million, down from last year's $14 million. Pledges will likely shrink to $6.5 million from $7.25 million last year. The organization has frozen salaries, cut back staff and put off equipment purchases. "It's a dramatic drop, but not draconian," Arbel notes. "We just have to do more with less." Overall, donations are off between 15 and 20 per cent, despite December's lavish dinner honoring financier Conrad Black. A dinner in Montreal in May will pay tribute to Power Corp. chairman Paul Desmarais. Arbel says the good news is that the Friends have been able to keep expenses to below nine per cent of income.

• This year, "it's going to hurt" at the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, notes national director Seymour Aron. Last year, the Friends took in a record $1.5 million for Israel's largest university, up from $800,000 in 1989. But in 1991, "I'd be happy to accept a decrease of $500,000," Aron says. "There are a number of solid supporters who suddenly can't afford their commitments or have put them on hold." The current pinch couldn't have come at a worse time, he adds, because Tel Aviv is a favored place to live by thousands of Soviet immigrants, while the university is keen to snap up as many Soviet professors as it can.

• Donations to the Canadian Friends of Haifa University are down by "at least" 30 per cent over last year, according to national director Fran Yacoubov. Because the Friends put its fund-raising campaign on hold last year to make room for Operation Exodus, "the money just isn't coming in now. We're doing the best we can, but we're very down." Yacoubov adds that a planned fund-raising evening for May 5 has been cancelled because of the economic pinch.

• Payment and redemption of pledges at the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science "have been seriously affected" because of the economy, says the society's Gloria Snow. Although it's "science as usual" at one of the world's most prestigious institutes of higher learning, donations to the Canadian arm are falling off from last year's cash gifts of $4 million and pledges of $2 million, Snow says. There will be no major fund-raising campaign this year, she adds.

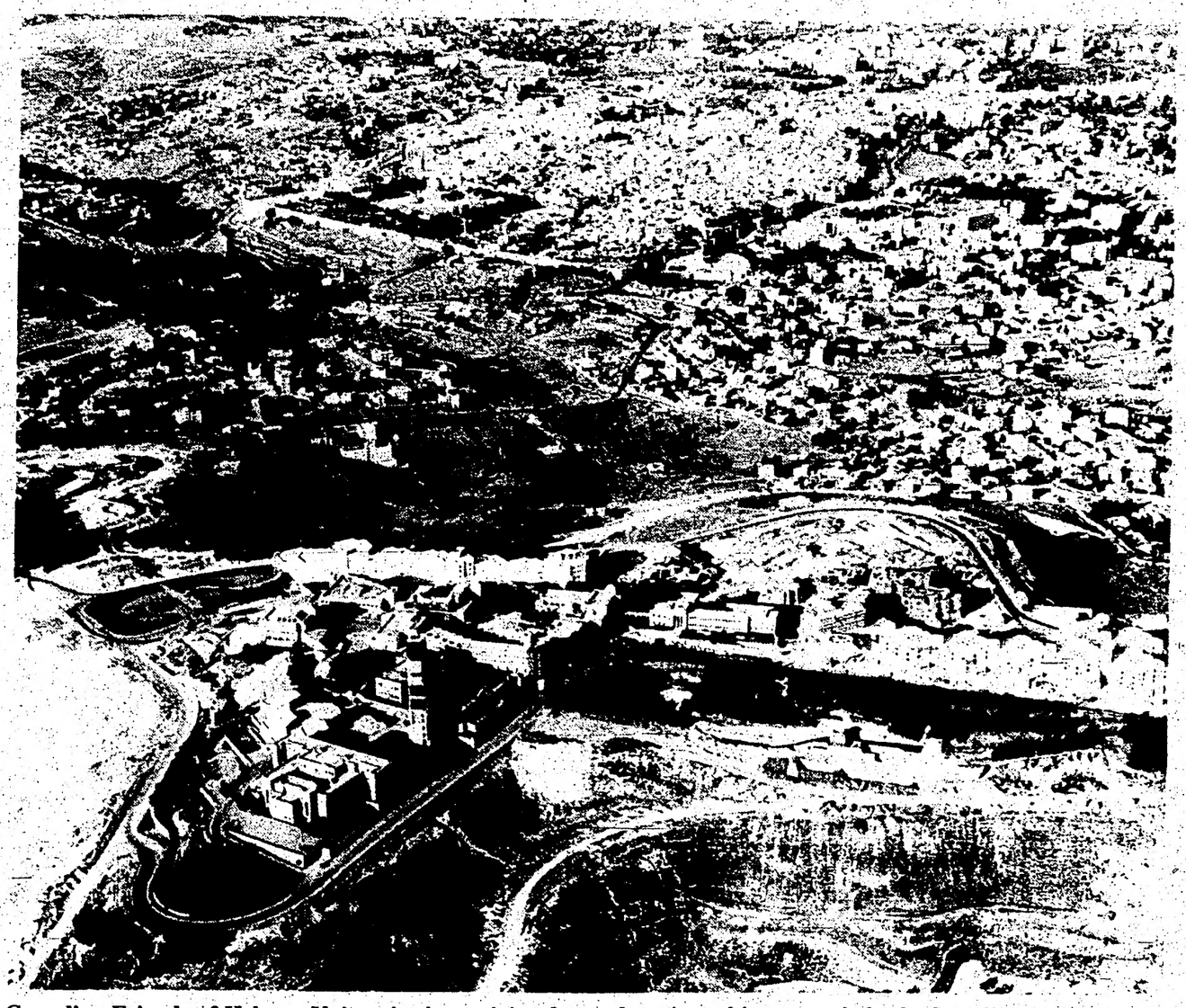
• The recession "is going to hurt a lot" at the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, where donations are expected to drop off this year by at least 20 per cent, says national director Meir Rottem. In 1989, the Friends raised some $1.2 million, while the goal for 1990 was $3 million. In a city with so many "Canadian friends" groups, Rottem says his organization must redouble its efforts to maintain what he calls a qualitative edge over the others. Located just outside Tel Aviv, the university is attracting Soviet immigrants in droves and "that's an opportunity we can't miss. Unfortunately, the recession and absorption [of immigrants] came at the same time." On March 18, the university's dean of students, Rabbi Pincus Hyman, formerly of Calgary, will be in Toronto to whip up support.

## Technion revenues down from 1989

• Officials at the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev are tight-lipped about their fiscal plight. "We're not really that down," says Toronto executive director Claire Horowitz. "People want to express their solidarity. We're going ahead with fund raising and we're asking people to pay their pledges. So far, there's been a good response." A dinner last November, featuring Natan Scharansky, did not raise as much funds as were hoped, but the Associates feel any slack will be taken up by another dinner, scheduled for April 24 at the Inn on the Park. The honoree will be Rabbi Gunther Plaut, in whose name a chair in project management for a Soviet scholar will be announced.

**Mannie Shimoni**

• Considering what's going on elsewhere, the news is not too bad at the Canadian Technion Society. Cash revenues were $3 million in 1990, compared with $2.8 million the year before, while pledges last year were also $3 million, down from $4.3 million in '89. But national director Mannie Shimoni explains that pledges, especially large ones, are often paid out over several years. This year will feature the society's biennial fund-raising drive, and because about 20 per cent of Russian olim are engineers who want to continue their training, the society will mount a Russian Absorption Campaign soon to raise at least $1 million. "I'm very optimistic," Shimoni says. "We've been quick off the mark."



**Canadian Friends of Hebrew University is receiving fewer donations this year to help the Israeli university. The university's Mount Scopus campus is seen here from an aerial view.**

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*Tolerance for visible minorities said growing*

# Jewish groups give immigration report mixed reviews

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

Canada's two national Jewish organizations are giving mixed reviews to last week's report by the Economic Council of Canada, which calls on Ottawa to temporarily put the brakes on immigration.

The report recommends the federal government scrap its five-year immigration plan in favor of a 25-year plan and a more gradual increase in immigration levels.

Such a plan would mean a steady climb in immigration to one per cent of the total population by 2015. But that would translate into a decrease for 1991 to about 170,000, down from the government's plan to allow 220,000 immigrants in this year.

The council, a federally-funded think tank, said Ottawa should slow immigration, especially in a recession, because high immigration levels run "the risk of provoking social problems [and] creating temporary unemployment."

"We should have breathing space," council chairman Judith Maxwell told a press conference last week.

But overall, the study had some good news. It found that:

- tolerance for visible minorities has grown in recent years;
- "Surprisingly," it said, people in communities with high concentrations of visible minorities, such as cities, are more likely to be tolerant of racial and ethnic differences;
- a steady rate of immigration does not cause unemployment;
- there is no general tendency to discriminate against visible minorities when it comes to salaries, with the possible exception of East Asian and Caribbean immigrants;

The study also calls on three levels of government, as well as business, labor and the media, to undertake a "major" campaign to combat racism and foster tolerance.

But Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada agree that the study's dark side lies in its suggestion that immigrants need more training in "Canadian values."

To encourage increased tolerance, the council suggests a new "moral contract" between immigrants and established Canadians to outline the "responsibilities" of both groups.

It adds that immigrants should undergo retraining in some of their cultural traditions, which may be "inappropriate" in Canada, especially when it comes to equality between the sexes and attitudes toward the police and public officials.

While welcoming the council's calls for more education in racial tolerance, CJC president Les Scheininger said immigrants "should be encouraged to maintain their distinctive identities while integrating into Canadian society."

The council's call for a moral contract between immigrants and Canadians is "vague and possibly at cross-purpose with the best interests of Canadian society," Scheininger said.

He added that the best response to racism is education and not reduced immigration.

Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith Canada's director of government relations, said he agreed with the report's proposal for more public education on racism.

But "there's no good reason to decrease immigration levels. There's no reason for us to shirk our moral obligation to extend to thousands a chance for a better life."

Kagedan also found the report's call for retraining of immigrants troublesome.

"We have no idea what Canadian values are," remarked Susan Davis, national director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS). "You can't use use fear-mongering to increase or decrease immigration."

# *Peaceniks justify Iraq's attack*

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

"Progressive" Jewish peaceniks have been joining campus anti-war protests here in recent weeks in the seeming belief that their presence on a podium enhances credibility for the linkage between the Palestinian issue and cries to get coalition troops out of the Gulf.

Henry Lowy, billed as an Israeli supporter of the intifada, established his credentials as an expert on the Jewish state's "apartheid and racism" at a Ryerson Polytechnical Institute Gulf War teach-in earlier this month by claiming The CJN is a conduit to the Mossad.

The Toronto man, who met his wife while living in Israel, declined to be interviewed. He told the audience of over 100 that this reporter was conspiring to "get me into some kind of trap."

Lowy justified Iraq's Scud attacks on Tel Aviv as having been aimed at the Kirya (Israel's Pentagon), which is a "legitimate military target," even if the inaccurate missile is unlikely to hit the sprawling IDF headquarters in the centre of the city.

He decried what he termed the disproportionate media coverage of the destruction in Tel Aviv vis-a-vis Baghdad and Basra.

Responsibility for Iraq's missile campaign against Israel lies with the United States, he asserted. The American "criminal attack" has ignited a "holocaust in the Middle East."

That statement drew an angry outburst from Jewish Student Council (JSC) activist Aryeh Snitman, who objected to Lowy trivializing the Nazi genocide.

"There is something cynical about the way the state of Israel and its propaganda agencies here in Canada have been using the Jews' sensitivity to gas," Lowy retorted.

He urged the Ryerson Coalition for Troops Out of the Gulf take up a collection to buy gas masks for distribution to West Bank Palestinians.

A protest in front of Toronto's Israeli Consulate.

Before storming out with the handful of other JSC protesters, Snitman criticized the peace movement for its hypocritical failure to condemn Iraqi aggression against Kuwait.

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Members of the Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza (JWCEOWBG), and Jews for a Just Peace (JJP), as well as Jews unaffilated with either group, have been picketing outside the American Consulate here as part of an ongoing anti-war vigil, Judith Weisman of JJP reported.

Weisman was a workshop facilitator at an anti-war teach-in last week at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Members of the two groups have also spoken recently at the University of Toronto and York University.

"I am absolutely and utterly opposed to this war," she told The CJN.

Fellow JJP activist Debbie Field said progressive Jews — members of organizations like the United Jewish People's Order, New Jewish Agenda and Canadian Friends of Peace Now, as well as JWCEOWBG and JJP — have conflicting feelings about the Gulf War.

"We clutch our hearts when Tel Aviv is attacked, and our heads when Baghdad is bombed.

"A hard line, far from protecting us, will lead to more deaths of Jews. Until we set our house in order, which means negotiations with the PLO, we will never be safe as Jews in Israel."

Field blamed the Shamir government's policies for causing an upsurge in anti-Semitism in Canada.

In addition to continuing the Thursday afternoon protests the JWCEOWBG and JJP have been holding periodically in front of the Israeli Consulate since the summer of 1989, Field said the groups were planning a series of Jewish community forums at the Winchevsky Centre.

Some liberal rabbis formerly in favor of dialogue have closed ranks since the war erupted and are refusing to allow pro-Palestinian speakers, she reported.

Asked about Lowy's allegations linking The CJN and Israeli intelligence, Field conceded some progressive Jews resort to arguments beyond the boundaries of rational discourse.

"People become deformed by very polarized situations," she said analytically.

# World Emunah head set to visit Canada

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Ivriah Levine, chairman of World Emunah, is embarking on a North American fund raising and informational tour this week.

She will be speaking to the Canadian public on Monday, March 4 at 8 p.m. at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Emunah is the women's religious Zionist organization.

American-born Levine made aliya in 1968 with her husband and six children.

She has been especially active in integrating religious women from different ethnic backgrounds and economic levels to work for common goals.

A spokesman for Emunah said that her purpose in coming at this time is to "inform leaders, members and friends of Emunah of the important tasks the organization has assumed during this emergency."

As well, she is raising funds to repair an Emunah-sponsored day care centre in Bnei Brak, which was hit by an Iraqi Scud missile.

Although there was no personal injury, the inside of the facility was badly damaged.

For more information about Levine's trip, or about Emunah, contact the office in Toronto at (416)635-9847 or 633-6352, or in Montreal at (514)485-2397 or 485-2539.

# CJN schedule

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# Canada

## Government urged to reject bloc-voting

# *B'nai Brith rejects human rights body's agenda*

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
Canada should stand up to the bloc-voting and politicization of the United Nation's Commission on Human Rights which are threatening the value and integrity of the institution, said B'nai Brith officials in a recent brief to the Department of External Affairs. And, they add, Canada should look beyond Israel for human rights violations.

"Canada should have the guts to speak up a little louder," said Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith's director of government relations. The almost incessant criticism of Israel needs a sense of context, he said

B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs submitted the brief to the Department of External Affairs' 1991 annual consultations for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which took place Jan. 21-22. While approximately 100 invitations are sent out, this year's session drew only 75 NGOs (possibly because of the demonstrations at External's Ottawa headquarters).

"Israel is very unpopular at the UN," said David Matas, senior counsel to the International Affairs Institute of B'nai Brith in a telephone interview. "It is not unpopular because of human rights abuses; it is unpopular because the Arab states do not want it [to exist]."

"Human rights is being used as a technique of deligitimization," he said.

"It's called a Commission on Human Rights but it's not a human rights commission."

What it is, is a committee of more than 40 countries out of 159 whose two-year membership is staggered and elected once every three years. It meets formally in Geneva once a year for six weeks. The 47th session of the CHR is meeting this year from Jan. 28 to March 10.

Unfortunately, CHR membership has been polarized among a number of groups, said Michael Schelew, a lawyer and member of the B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs, and former president of the Canadian section of Amnesty International. These are: the Western, African/Middle East, Asian, and Latin American groups, all of which have vested political interests.

Ian Kagedan

Priorities for the agenda are set according to a bloc mentality. "There's certain realities you have to face," said External Affairs spokesman Patricia Low-Bedard. Tradeoffs and quid pro quos are the order of the day. "Balance" is defined over the long-term, she said.

It is frustrating, she said. "Bloc voting is a problem for us. However, we can't do anything about it. These are the dynamics of international affairs."

B'nai Brith objects to the banding together of blocs to keep other member countries off a "skewed" UN agenda, which usually sees Israel discussed and censured for two weeks out of the six in Geneva.

"Israel is up front on the agenda and gets dumped on year after year" while Arab countries such as Syria with gross violations of human rights receive scant attention from governments and the media, Kagedan said.

"Arab countries have acted as a bloc to protect their members."

"As an example, in CHR's 46th session, there was a vote of 'no action' on the question of Iraq's violation. Canada was a co-sponsor of the resolution. Syria, notorious for its human rights abuses, managed to avoid placement on the agenda," said the B'nai Brith brief.

"Further study indicates that essentially since the early 1980s, very few new human rights resolutions have been established as part of the CHR agenda," the brief continued.

Some 4,500 Jews live in Syria, concentrated in the ghettos of Damascus (3,500), Aleppo (800) and Quamishli (100). They are not permitted to emigrate even for reasons of family reunification. Syrian Jews must carry identification, unlike their Muslim and Christian counterparts. In addition, they are not allowed to vote or to be elected as candidates; their mail is censored; they need special permission to sell property; government employment of Jews is restricted; and the number of Jews at university (and their fields of study) is also restricted, said the brief.

David Matas

"It might also be noted that underscoring Syria's anti-Semitic policy is its harboring a well-known Nazi war criminal, Alois Brunner. Brunner is the highest ranking Nazi war criminal whose whereabouts are known," the brief said.

According to Low-Bedard, Canada intends to address this year's CHR session on human rights abuse in Syria. It will be discussed under Item 12 of the CHR agenda.

Kagedan concedes that there has been some movement from Canada but says it's not enough. When Canada's voting record is compared with the more pro-Israel United States, there is a nagging sense of coming up short, he said.

## *Canadian Jews giving money*

# Funding aids Scud survivors

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Jews the world over have been gripped by graphic images of apartments in Israel destroyed by Iraqi Scud missiles and families left homeless.

And as they have done in other times of crisis, they have responded with both moral support and financial generosity. In Canada, the Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation (CCTAF), one of many organizations supporting charitable causes in the Jewish state, reports that Canadian Jews are now manifesting their concerns in a concrete and immediate manner.

**A photographer surveys the damaged done by a Scud in an Israeli warehouse. Jews all over the world are responding with moral and financial support.**

Contributions ranging from $18 to $5,000 have been flooding the committee's Toronto office, said the organization's president, Gideon Saguy, with one anonymous donor giving $20,000. "The response has been absolutely wonderful — I would say, overwhelming, to the point where we're in arrears in sending 'thankyous' and tax-deductible receipts," he said.

While Saguy would not indicate the total sum received by the CCTAF, he said the organization transfers 100 per cent of the donations to the Tel Aviv Foundation in Israel where they are used to rebuild housing and resettle the homeless.

More than 2,500 apartments and 500 public buildings have been damaged by Iraqi missiles so far, the Tel Aviv Foundation states, and nearly 1,000 people have been evacuated from unsafe homes in Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Mark Gryfe, the director of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal campaign — the main fund-raising arm in the community — said the UJA has experienced a phenomenal acceleration in cash collection on pledges in both the annual campaign and the special Operation Exodus program to aid Soviet olim.

Collections for both are up $6 million in January and February compared to 1990's totals, he said.

Gryfe said Montreal collections are also "doing well," as is the case around the continent. A grass roots concern over the situation in Israel is translating into a readiness to contribute to the campaigns, he said.

Other organizations are also accelerating fund-raising programs for Israel.

Na'amat has established an ad hoc campaign, the highlight of which is a March 19 concert at the Beth Tzedec synagogue. Money raised will go for Israeli social services which will aid those affected by the Iraqi missile attacks, said Lorraine Levene, Na'amat Toronto's executive director.

"Na'amat's volunteer department is providing basic necessities (such as clothes, toothbrushes, and diapers) to more than 500 families whose homes and belongings were destroyed and who have been moved to hotels," Levene said.

Canadian supporters of the Ezrat Nashim-Sarah Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem are also planning a fund-raising concert for March 12 at the Adath Israel synagogue, to aid the cash-strapped geriatric hospital.

The Israeli consulates in Toronto and Montreal are welcoming contributions, which are forwarded directly to Israel to assist the "human casualties and pay for property damage" across the country, said Toronto consulate spokesman Oren David.

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**$400 M FOR HOUSING**

After months of delay, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker signed a loan guarantee last Wednesday for $400 million (U.S.) to help house Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel.

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**HOUSING STARTS FALLING SHORT**

According to figures released by the Housing Ministry on Sunday, housing starts in fiscal 1990 are falling far short of demand.

Only 12,985 housing starts were recorded during the first eight months of the fiscal year, which ends March 31. The government had hoped 45,000 units would be built.

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**MANPOWER WASTED**

The brainpower of Soviet olim scientists has largely been wasted because of inadequate government action, the Hebrew University's immigrant absorption coordinator said Sunday.

The Absorption Ministry has estimated there are 2,000 scientists to every 100,000 Soviet olim. Many have been forced to accept menial work because of lack of jobs in their fields.

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**GERMANY TO LET SOVIET JEWS STAY**

The estimated 6,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in Germany over the last several months will be allowed to remain permanently. But henceforth Soviet Jews seeking to immigrate to Germany will have to apply for a visa at German consulates in the U.S.S.R.

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**ISRAELI MUSLIMS BARRED FROM HAJ**

The Gulf War has halted this year's *haj* (annual pilgrimage) of Israeli Muslims to Mecca.

In the past, Israeli Arabs were allowed to make the haj via Jordan, in the framework of the pilgrimage by that country's Muslims. But this year Saudi Arabia has vetoed the move, primarily because of Jordan's support for Iraq, Israel Radio reported last week.

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**SHIN BET CLOSES HUSSEINI OFFICES**

Two East Jerusalem offices of the Institute for Arab Studies, headed by Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini, were closed Sunday until July 28 by the order of OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai on suspicion of serving PLO purposes.

The decision to close the two offices was made by the *Shin Bet* (General Security Services), a police spokesman said. No further details on the nature of the alleged activity on behalf of the PLO were provided.

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**ON THE BALL**

U.S. soldiers on a day off from manning Patriot anti-missile batteries whipped Kibbutz Gezer 11-4 in a softball match last week.

# Scud attack forces Toronto shaliach home

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — Aviezer Weiss, a shaliach of the World Zionist Organization's Torah Education and Culture in the Diaspora department here on a two-year contract, was forced to pay an unexpected visit to Tel Aviv last month to deal with a problem that would have been unthinkable when he left in September 1989.

A Scud — one of seven launched from western Iraq against Israel on Jan. 25 — slammed into his street in Ramat Gan that Sabbath eve. For security reasons, the location cannot be given.

The missile, which fell 70 metres from his front door, killed one person and destroyed seven buildings in the immediate impact zone.

Weiss, 47, whose home is four doors down the street from where the Scud exploded, considers himself lucky on two accounts: his mother, who was living in an in-law suite in the bungalow, emerged physically unscathed; while his home sustained only "limited" damage.

Part of his roof collapsed, and all ceilings in the structure were damaged. The Mediterranean-re clay roof tiles were blown off, causing many to smash.

As well, all windows were shattered and doors blown out by the blast.

Adding to the damage, two weeks of winter showers and drizzle pouring in through the gaping hole in the roof caused moisture damage to carpets and wallpaper.

Weiss' first priority was to arrange for his mother to move in with a niece in Jerusalem — a city so far immune from Saddam Hussein's rain of terror.

**An Israeli flag flaps in the wind beside the wreckage of a Ramat Gan house hit directly by a Scud on Jan. 25. Aviezer Weiss' home, located four doors down the street, had its roof partially destroyed.**

Coincidently, one of Weiss' daughters living in a rented apartment nearby also had her home bombed out. She is currently serving in the Israel Defence Force and will live in a base barracks till repairs can be completed.

Weiss explained that assessors from the Property Purchase Tax Office rushed to the site of the Scud attack to expedite compensation, which is covered by a government insurance fund for war damages.

Their appraisal came to NIS 35,000 ($17,500), a figure based on salvaging unbroken roof tiles. But Weiss is insisting that the roof be of a consistent color and that all tiles be replaced.

"We have a dispute between us over aesthetics," he explained. Before returning to Toronto, he hired a lawyer and signed over power of attorney to one of his daughters.

"These things don't destroy our spirit," Weiss resolutely declared of the Scuds. "We are happy that it happened this way, and that only one life was lost.

"Considering the scale of the damage, the casualties were light."

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Weiss is currently on unpaid leave of absence from the Zeitlin Junior High and Secondary School in Tel Aviv, where he has served as principal since 1984.

The building is located 300 metres west of the Kirya (IDF headquarters), presumed to be a target for the somewhat inaccurate Scuds.

Weiss reported the school reopened in phases as older students prepared sealed rooms for younger ones. All grades resumed their studies on Feb. 7.

Only five per cent of the school's 1,200 students have not returned to class, he added.

# *Curfew reinstated in the territories*

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The West Bank and Gaza Strip were put under tight curfew again Sunday as the Israeli authorities acted to prevent possible pro-Iraqi demonstrations linked to the allied ground offensive in the Persian Gulf War.

At the same time, police raided the East Jerusalem offices of Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini and seized large quantities of equipment.

The premises were sealed until next July.

The latest curfew affects 1.5 million Palestinians, who had been confined to their homes since the war started.

Restrictions were relaxed somewhat last week but were tightened again as the Gulf War entered a new and possibly climactic stage.

Husseini, who is recognized as the most senior Palestinian nationalist leader in the territories, has long been a target of the Israeli authorities. His main office, which housed the Centre for Arab Studies, has been closed for two years. But he has continued to operate from his home.

Husseini is well regarded in some circles abroad for his advocacy of non-violent resistance to the Israeli presence in the territories. But many Israelis say he is a leader of the intifada.

On Sunday, the police said they ordered him to open his offices in the Wadi Joz and Shuafat neighborhoods of East Jerusalem. He refused, whereupon the police forced entry.

They said they found considerable equipment, including computer terminals and the Arab Studies Centre archives.

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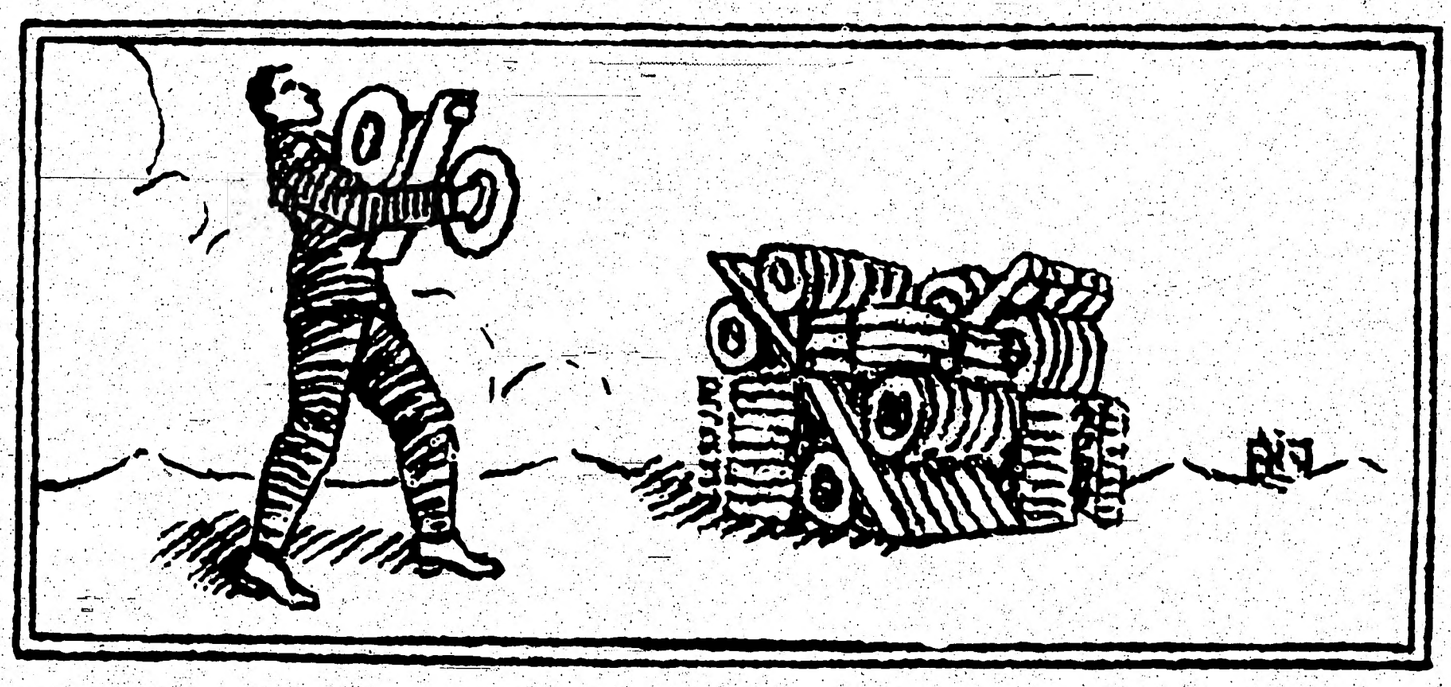

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## Israel

# *Israel remains cautious as ground war launched*

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

On the first day of the ground war, the mood in Israel was one of cautious optimism. The atmosphere was tense, sober, but also hopeful. There was an overwhelming sense that the moment of truth had arrived.

While Israel is not a coalition member, it is widely felt that the country has more at stake in the outcome of this war than do many of the actual coalition members. Had Saddam Hussein been allowed a face-saving way out of Kuwait, Israelis feared that in a few years time they would be facing him on the battlefield, and they would do so without the backing of a multinational coalition.

"It would be very dangerous for us if Saddam remains in power with a part of his huge army intact," said Prime Minister Yitzak Shamir on Friday, echoing the concern felt by virtually all Israelis as the Soviet proposal was being considered. Israeli Sovietologist, Hebrew University Prof. Galia Golan, even suggested that one of the unwritten agreements in the Soviet proposal to Saddam was a commitment to rearm Iraq following the war.

Thus, when U.S. President George Bush gave the green light to his ground forces in the Gulf, a collective sigh of relief could be heard throughout Israel. The first words uttered on the late afternoon Israel Television news show were "God Bless America."

If there is relief, however, there is also anxiety. Israelis are bracing themselves for more missile attacks. They have been warned by everyone from Shamir to IDF spokesman Nacham Shai that the missile threat to Israel will continue to exist right up until the last day of the war. Two separate wake up calls to the sound of the air-raid sirens early Monday morning reminded Israelis of that sobering truth.

In addition, the Hebrew daily Ma'ariv reported on Monday that the Iraqis had managed to extend the range of their Scuds, and were now launching them from a different location. More worrisome still are the pronouncements of virtually all experts who say that as Saddam becomes more desperate, he is increasingly likely to lash out at Israel in even more outrageous ways. The chances that he may resort to chemical warfare are more greater than ever, they say.

Another frightening scenario that Israelis are preparing for is the possible involvement of Jordan, which is showing increasing signs of instability and radicalism. Earlier this week, the Hebrew daily Yediot Aharonot suggested that the Iraqis may attempt to launch an aerial attack on Israel from Jordan. The Jordanian and Iraqi air forces have a military agreement, and have, for the last year, been carrying out joint exercises along the Jordan-Israel border. Another scenario, Yediot suggested, is that the Iraqis may try to exert pressure on Jordanian army units to launch border attacks against Israel. On Sunday, a Jordanian soldier managed to infiltrate into Israel, killing an Israeli soldier. If an entire army unit was persuaded to launch artillery into the Jordan Valley, the consequences could be far graver.

In short, Israelis realize things may get worse before they get better. But they are prepared to wait it out. According to a survey conducted last week, some 70 per cent of the population continue to support the government's restarint policy.

Even at Sunday's weekly cabinet session, there was so little dissent that the meeting finished in record time. Shamir expressed his full support for Bush, and wished success to the American and other allied fighting forces. There was little more for anyone to say, and for that matter, little to do, but wait.

# Levy advisor to focus on Jewish agenda

JERUSALEM —

Israel's Foreign Minister David Levy appointed his long time aide Albert Benabou as his adviser on Diaspora and Jewish affairs.

Benabou's appointment emphasizes Levy's intention to strengthen his direct contact with the Jewish world and his ministry's efforts vis-a-vis Israel's main ally, namely, the Jewish people.

In co-ordination with the Foreign Ministry's Department of Diaspora Affairs, Benabou will focus on the Jewish agenda and on the exchange of views and opinions with Jewish communities the world over.

Born in Casablanca, Morocco in 1946, Benabou and his family became olim in Israel in 1962 and were among the first settlers of Ashdod, a port city which later became Israel's main sea port.

Educated in Ashdod, Benabou later earned his academic degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where he graduated from the departments of political science and French culture.

After eight years of military service in the IDF Intelligence Corps, Albert Benabou retired in 1977 with the rank of Major. He was then appointed a World Zionist Organization emissary in Puerto Rico.

In the period of 1977-1980 he had organized activities and cultivated Jewish life in that island. In 1980-81 he served as an assistant to Deputy Prime Minister Prof. Yigael Yadin. In these years Benabou dealt with Project Renewal, the major effort of the Jewish Diaspora and the Israeli Government to rehabilitate deteriorating neighborhoods and inner cities in Israel.

Albert Benabou

Benabou has been working closely with Levy since 1981. In 1986 he was sent to Toronto to organize and direct the activities of the Department of Youth and Pioneers of the World Zionist Organization in Canada.

Benabou is married and has two children.

# *Community groups rally in Vancouver*

VANCOUVER —

The Vancouver Jewish community solidarity with Israel rally held on Jan. 20 (CJN Jan. 24) was sponsored by the Coalition Task Force for the Persian Gulf Crisis, comprising Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, according to information received from Rosalind Kirby, the task force chairman. The CJN reported in its story that the rally was sponsored only by the CJC.

Kirby says the rally attracted an attendance of 2,200, as compared to the 1,400 figure mentioned in the story. "Out of a Jewish population of 25,000 this figure (2,200) is indeed remarkable," says Kirby.

Kirby says further that the task force was organized in December "in anticipation of a crisis in the Persian Gulf . . . whose specific mandate was to prepare the community for whatever response would be needed should war erupt after Jan. 15."

She adds that the task force, "together with the lay and professional leadership of our community conceived, organized and executed the solidarity rally of Jan. 20."

Kirby says the coalition appreciates that the rally story was given national coverage in The CJN.

# 37th Scud hits Israel

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Saturday night's missile was the 37th fired at Israel since the Persian Gulf War began five weeks ago. The Israel Defence Force announced it had landed somewhere in central Israel, setting a brush fire. No one was injured and no serious damage was done.

Like all previous Scud missiles, it carried a conventional warhead.

Television viewers later saw a fire burning in an open field surrounded by fire engines and other emergency vehicles.

The Scud missile was launched about eight minutes before 7 p.m. local time, the missed deadline for Iraq's compliance with the U.S.-led ultimatum to start evacuating Kuwait.

The massive allied ground assault ensued shortly afterward.

As the Gulf War enters what many believe will be its final phase, Israelis remain glued to their radios. But otherwise, life has returned almost to normal.

Kindergarten and elementary school classes were held Sunday, after late-night consultations between the Education Ministry, the Prime Minister's Office and the civil defence authorities.

The IDF is keeping a close watch on developments in the Gulf region and in neighboring Jordan. But the level of alert is no higher than it was before the ground offensive, the IDF said.


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## CORRECTION

In a public announcement reminding everyone to observe the Mitzvot associated with Purim it was erroneously stated to "send a holiday package of at least two foodstuffs to at least two friends." In fact one needs only to send two foodstuffs to **one** friend. We regret the error.

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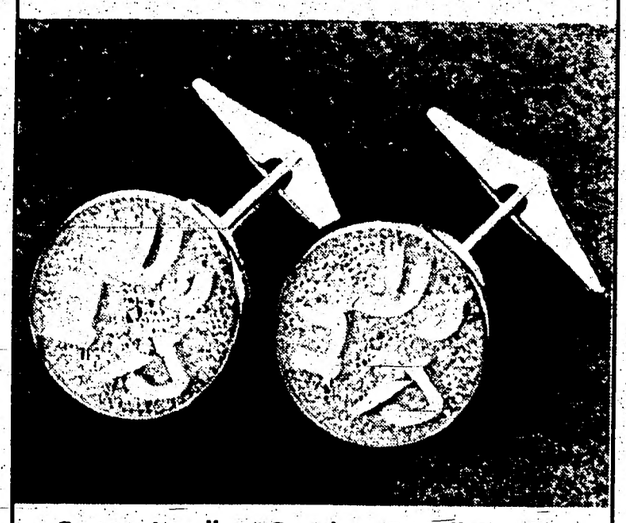


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# BBC will aid youth wing

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Canada will continue to fund, although partially, the B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO), and it will be "within a certain framework," says BBC president Marilyn Wainberg.

Despite the good news, all four Canadian BBYO regions will have to continue raising their own funds, at least until BBC's financial situation improves, Wainberg added.

BBC's 1991 budget has not been finalized yet, but it will allow for some funds for BBYO, with the amounts to vary in each region, she said.

"We'll provide as much as we can," she said.

The new funding arrangement will be in association with lodges, district boards and the public, Wainberg said.

In December, BBC announced that as of Jan. 31, it would suspend funding to BBYO because of austerity measures. The youth group, representing 1,600 Jewish teenagers, was told to fend for itself.

That sent BBYO members into an intense fundraising drive, tapping BBC lodges, parents, alumni and the public for money.

In some places, the campaign met with some success. In Montreal, the region has some $30,000 in commitments, according to Laurentian Region board chairman David Guttman.

The region will need between $85,000 and $90,000 to stay afloat this year, he noted.

"We know [BBC is] going to help fund us, but we don't know by how much," Guttman said. "It won't be 100 per cent."

Mark Silverstein, BBYO's Lake Ontario Region chairman, declined comment on the announcement, saying he didn't know enough about the new arrangement.

He said his region needs $153,000 this year "as a bare minimum."

Programming for the region "is alive and well." Members will soon embark on a telemarketing campaign and will approach BBC lodges for money, he added.

Out West, North-West Region chairman Dan Kauffman said he too was unaware of details of the funding arrangement.

"I'm pleased to hear they'll retain some commitment in theory. But that commitment doesn't mean much unless it's translated into dollars," he said.

The region's offices are already provided by the Calgary and Edmonton Jewish community centres.

Sidney Clearfield, the Washington-based international director of BBYO, said he's "not quite clear what [BBC's decision] means, and we've been unable to find out."

Wainberg said she hoped parents of BBYO members would become more involved.

"We're hoping to get more support from parents. After all, it's their children."

# *Jew excluded from Gulf duty*

VANCOUVER (JTA and staff) —

The case of a Jewish naval reservist who charged discrimination for being denied a posting to the Persian Gulf because of his religion has forced the Canadian navy to acknowledge it excludes Jews from overseas duties which require contact with Arabs.

Lieut. Andrew Liebmann, who applied to be executive assistant to the commodore of Canadian naval forces in Bahrain but who was denied the job, has filed a grievance through military channels.

"If that doesn't work, I'll go to court," said Liebmann, 27, who lives in Vancouver.

He told The CJN that he applied for the "plum" seven-month contract posting when he learned it would be vacant.

His application was approved by Maritime Command in Halifax, he said, and he was told to start getting ready.

"They were telling me what equipment I needed. I even had a date: Jan. 25," Liebmann told Canadian Press.

However, after waiting a few weeks, he contacted Halifax and was told he wasn't going "because I'm Jewish. It's pretty clear to me that the decision was made in Ottawa."

Capt. John Blakeley of the Office of National Defence in Ottawa said although Liebmann's religion was discussed, he was the victim only of a misunderstanding.

"At first glance, his application seemed to satisfy all the necessary qualifications," Blakeley said.

When the application reached Ottawa, some concern was raised about whether Liebmann's faith would "create problems to his personal safety [or] impede his ability to fulfill the job," which called for meetings with officials from Arab nations.

Blakely added the concern "was based on policy regarding peacekeeping operations."

He acknowledged that Canadian forces participating in UN peacekeeping operations in the Middle East, such as in the Golan Heights, exclude Jewish personnel.

"We are not looking at whether somebody is going to be discriminated against in Canada," Blakeley said, "but whether in fact they will be put into more personal danger than they need be, or whether they might jeopardize the operation by being incapable of carrying out the peacekeeping mandate."

In any event, the position was erroneously posted because the incumbent decided to stay on, Blakely said.

And Liebmann was erroneously told by the navy that he was not accepted by national defence headquarters because of his religion, Blakely added.

But Liebmann is not satisfied with the explanation.

"I don't suspect that it's racism, but it is discrimination," he said. "I think the person who made the decision doesn't realize that you don't have to be racist to be guilty of discrimination."

*With files from Maurice Lucow in Vancouver.*

# Deadline draws near for reparations claims

MONTREAL —

The Federal Republic of Germany has told the Canadian Jewish Congress that victims of the Nazi regime may also register claims for property rights in the former territory of the German Democratic Republic (formerly East Germany).

Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president, said that under the act on the settlement of open property issues which came into effect with the treaty on the establishment of German unity, individuals and associations persecuted in the period from Jan. 30, 1933 to May 8, 1945 on the basis of their race, political convictions, faith or particular philosophy (Weltanschauung) and who thus lost property located in the former GDR due to inter alia compulsory sales or expropriations, may now have this property returned.

*See Caution p. 44*

However, claims must be registered by March 31, 1991.

To simplify the registration process, victims of persecution under the Nazi regime may address their registrations to the Federal Ministry of Justice, Heinemannstrasse 6, D-5300, Bonn 2.

Applications may also be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Justice via missions of the Federal Republic of Germany. In such cases, however, the federal minister of justice must have received registrations by March 31, 1991 at the latest.

"We urge persons who have claims against the Federal Republic of Germany to register by March 31, 1991, or their rights may be forfeited." Claims may be filed at the German Embassy, 1 Waverley St., Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0T8, or German consular representatives throughout Canada.

# Shabbat Zachor observed

TORONTO —

In a synagogues across the world Saturday, Jews observed Shabbat Zachor — the biblical remembrance of the arch-villain Amalek who attacked the hapless womenfolk and children of the Israelites as they crossed Sinai.

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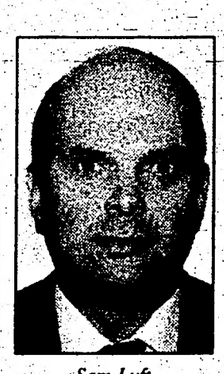

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## Soviet Jewry

# *Jewish Agency's loan plan under fire from government*

**JERUSALEM (JTA) —**

A plan by the Jewish Agency for Israel to convert part of the aid it gives immigrants from grants to loans has come under fire from senior members of the Israeli government involved in immigrant absorption.

But Jewish Agency leaders defend the plan, saying it would actually increase the amount of cash available to immigrants, the vast majority of whom come from the Soviet Union. They said the loans would be made on easy terms.

The issue was raised last week at a meeting of the government-Jewish Agency co-ordinating committee, whose members include Israeli cabinet ministers and the top leaders of the agency, a non-governmental body that receives most of its funding from Diaspora Jewry.

Among those strongly opposed to the plan, which is supposed to take effect March 1, were Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon. Peretz has vowed to fight the plan, which requires approval of the Finance Ministry to be implemented.

He charged it would further reduce aliya from the Soviet Union, which has decreased since the Persian Gulf War began. Many prospective immigrants would be reluctant to enter into a situation in which they would have to take out loans, he said.

Michael Kleiner, the outspoken Likud chairman of the Knesset's immigration and absorption committee, said, "This proposal means that the Jewish Agency is bankrupt as an institution.

Simcha Dinitz [Robert Edel photo]

This is what is implied when the leaders of the agency say that they cannot afford to pay the grant.

"When only a small number of immigrants were arriving, the agency could manage," Kleiner said. "But now, with the 'disaster' of hundreds of thousands of immigrants coming, it turns out that the agency is unable to fulfil its basic function of absorbing immigrants. The government should either dismantle the agency or replace its current leadership."

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the agency's board of governors, said that the Israeli government, too, should consider providing loans, not grants, to the newcomers.

A year ago, the agency provided 50 per cent of the initial absorption grant given to new immigrants from countries of distress, with the government funding the rest.

But during the past year, with the crush of newcomers from the Soviet Union, the Jewish Agency's share was cut to 30 per cent. And the total grant given to the immigrants was reduced from 22,000 shekels for a family of four to 14,000 shekels, a decrease from approximately $11,250 to $7,150.

The loan plan, prepared over the past several months by the agency and the Council of Jewish Federations, the American confederation of Jewish community welfare funds, calls for the agency's share to be provided as an optional loan rather than a grant. The loan would be provided by Israeli banks and guaranteed by the federations.

Dinitz and Kaplan said that a family of three, which now gets $900 per person from the agency as part of the absorption grant, would instead get $1,000 per person in the form of a loan.

The loan would have to be paid back over a period of 10 years, beginning three years after the loan is taken. Under the terms of the loan, only the interest would have to be paid during the subsequent two years, with both the principal and interest due in the last five years.

The reason given for the change of policy is a gap of some $113 million in the Jewish Agency budget for the nine months between April and December 1991.

Kaplan said the shortfall was a direct result of a "blessed" rise in the number of Soviet immigrants. He said the agency this year is spending a record $700 million on aliya and immigrant absorption projects.

Dinitz said the Jewish Agency would simply not have enough money to give cash grants to the 300,000 immigrants expected to arrive this year.

In any case, said other officials, it would be better for the immigrants to pay for part of their initial absorption.

*Spent 15 years in Gulag prison*

# Kazachov slams Soviet policies

By
**BEN ROSE**

**TORONTO —**

For a man who spent 15 years of his life in a prison in the Gulag, six of them in solitary confinement, Mikhail Kazachov is surprisingly fit. The 46-year-old political dissident, a slim man of medium height with horn-rimmed glasses, had a jaunty air as he took the podium at Holy Blossom Temple recently.

Sitting in the front row was his 77-year-old Jewish mother, Dora, who from her tiny Leningrad apartment, aroused the conscience of the world to the fate of her son. Many synagogues in Toronto responded to her appeals.

Kazachov was charged with treason in 1975 after he went to the consulate of the United States to seek help in emigrating to Israel. The Soviets alleged he was implicated in an espionage plot.

The audience gasped when he told them he had not seen his son for 15 years, meeting him as a youth of 19 when he was finally released from the notorious Christopol prison last November.

He said he had divorced his wife when the 15-year prison term was meted out and the Soviets had denied him any access to his son. Kazachov said he hopes to bring his son to an American university

In all his years behind bars, he and his mother had only three visits together, and there was an interval of nine years without a visit.

There was surprise when Kazachov, a physicist, declared he is returning to Leningrad. "Every square inch of my skin cries out to do what I can to prevent another Saddam Hussein from gaining power in the Soviet Union," he said.

Despite his cheery demeanor, Kazachov did not bring good news. There is still an untold number of political prisoners in the Soviet Union, he said. A Soviet diplomat in Paris told him that there is no chance that the U.S.S.R. will adopt changes in its immigration laws that will give people the right to emigrate by law.

"I was told that it would create too great a brain drain and that the laws would not be changed until nobody wants to leave the country," he said, adding dryly: "We'll have to wait a really long time for that."

Kazachov believes that President Mikhail Gorbachev now has the support of only five per cent of the people and that it would be a mistake for the West to prop him up. "Gorbachev is not a democrat or a liberal," he said.

The prospects of Operation Exodus are dimmer since the country's shift to the right. But Jews will probably be allowed to leave while Russia remains in need of economic aid from the West, he said.

There are signs that the Soviet Union is making it more difficult for people to leave, he said, citing the case of an emigrant who was taken off a plane at Leningrad because he had paintings with him, even though he was not hiding the fact.

"He was charged with taking treasures out of the country and is now in prison. But their object is not to put one person in prison but to discourage others from trying to emigrate."

The amount that can be taken out of a bank account monthly has been reduced to the point where it is no longer enough to pay for a plane ticket to Israel.

The KGB is not a shattered force and it still supports Gorbachev, he said.

Kazachov was introduced by Genya Intrator, national board member, Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, which brought him to North America. Others taking part in the program were Hope Maissner, Avrom Gossack and Stan Solomon

The meeting was co-sponsored by The Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, the Soviet Jewry Committees of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom Temple and the Social Action Committee of Beth Tikvah.


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# Front Line

## Israel must prepare itself for post-war period

ANALYSIS

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

A mixture of optimism and realism suggests that Iraq's industrial-military infrastructure and potential will be thoroughly decimated and that Saddam Hussein himself may be removed. Such results must be obtained at a cost, military and political, acceptable to the partners of the anti-Iraqi coalition, given their different attitudes, interests and motivations.

When, by mid-February, the Iraqi regime, clearly prompted by the Soviet Union, first hinted at the possibility of withdrawing from Kuwait, it also revealed the serious cracks in its ability to endure the war.

In the context of the general non-acceptability of any Iraqi "conditions" attached to withdrawal, the one concerning Israel too, did not make at this point much sense either.

Nevertheless, in Israel, establishment and media focused again on the perils of the so called "linkage" between the contemplated post-war "New Order" and an energetic search for a solution of the Arab-Israeli problem, designed to satisfy the Arabs.

The present Israeli government, and most specifically Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, are remarkably cautious in their military behavior and enjoy the support of 80 per cent of public opinion on this issue. On the other hand, the same government is less convincing in politically preparing itself for the post-war period, when a peace process will inevitably have to start.

Within the government's ranks, different attitudes regarding the future emerge and are getting more and more pronounced. They may also explain the strange sequence of diplomatic mishaps, which are seemingly clouding the U.S.-Israeli relationship. This relationship is not only all-important, it is also working.

Although a full Israeli-Arab settlement will not be reached in the very near future, the prospects of negotiating one will be greatly furthered by the elimination of the Iraqi threat by the U.S.-led coalition.

This odd alliance, while not being actively helped by the Soviet Union (except in the UN prelude to war, when former foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze fully supported the U.S. aims), is not seriously obstructed by it either. The Russians are not only very eager to play a mediating role while the war is on, but also in the post-war period. They will remain in the area, while sooner or later the Americans will leave.

The foundations of a new stability in the whole region, as indeed in other explosive areas everywhere, will unavoidably require a working relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union, despite some American suspicions and despite the present weakness of the U.S.S.R., or rather because of it.

As a by-product, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's personal position in his power struggle within the Soviet leadership could be strengthened and his declining world stature be reenhanced. Such superpower co-operation, if feasible, will also try to minimize or at least control the threat of a fundamentalist uproar in the Arab masses, humiliated as those will certainly feel after the defeat of the Iraqi dictator, only yesterday their hero.

Under such circumstances Iran too may find it more difficult to step into the vacuum created by Saddam's eventual disappearance. Problematic Syria, a very dangerous partner, but now a member of the anti-Saddam coalition, will have to be manipulated jointly by superpower co-operation. No repetition of the Saddam trauma will be tolerated.

At the same time, the semi-feudal regimes of Saudi Arabia, of reborn Kuwait and in the Gulf states, will have to restructure their socio-economical fabrics and adapt themselves to an order in which the conflicting interests of haves and have-nots in the Arab world, of oil-producers and oil-consumers will have to be imaginatively harmonized.

It will not be an easy process, but they'll be doomed if they fail. Coupled with swift economic reconstruction and freed from a wild arms race, the post-war Middle East will also have to accommodate the many delicate phases of an Arab-Israeli solution. There is no escape from this reality. The alternative is much worse.

I confess, this outlook which comes from a writer who generally feels more comfortable in the safe shelter of skepticism, reflects a readiness to courageously confront what is to come. This is because I can really see no valid reason for Israel to fear the inevitable changes resulting from Saddam Hussein's defeat.

True, with Scud missiles still falling and frustration over the imperative of holding out continuing, it is not easy to keep cool and it is even more difficult to believe in rosy prospects for the future. But the fact is, that a very grave danger to Israel is being eliminated by the United States and the anti-Saddam coalition and the chance exists for a safer Middle East to become a reality.

It will be a lengthy process, not free of difficult moments, of uncertainty, danger and even pain. It may, for some, require a mental and territorial update of many cherished hopes and dreams. But this new reality will, in this crucial period of mass immigration and state building much better promote our essential national objectives, than the precarious status-quo.

As it stands, Israel's deterrence is not weakened, its military strength is increasing and a growing number of Israelis seem to have already begun the necessary pyschological adjustment to the possible risks, costs and rewards of peace initiatives in the aftermath of the present war.

*(Yeshayahu Anug was Israel's ambassador to Canada from 1979 to 1983.)*

## OPINION

## *Personal decisions must not divide Jewish community*

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

A small but worrisome crack has appeared in the solidarity with which Canadian Jews have reacted to the Gulf War

It has nothing to do with politics — Israeli, Canadian or even interna Jewish politics. It has to do with our children

One of the closest connections a Diaspora Jew can make with Israe is to have a child visiting, studying, or living there Their presence in Israel is a proclamation of faith in the future of the Jewish state and a personal commitment to its survival and growth

Iraq's missile attacks on Israel have created an especially difficult situation for those with children — and grandchildren — there. The instinctive response of a parent when a child is threatened is to rescue that child. But the gut-wrenching fear does not obliterate the equally instinctive response of a Jew when Israel is threatened: to demonstrate commitment in any way possible. And what better way to demonstrate commitment than to be in Israel while the Scuds are falling?

It is one thing to make the decision for yourself at such a time to go to Israel; it is quite another to send — or leave — a child or grandchild there. Any such decision, which involves an agonizing struggle between contradictory emotions, is a very personal one. Every parent knows intimately the difficulty of protecting children while at the same time encouraging them to develop independence. We let them go to school on their own — and follow them, just out of sight, for the first few days. We teach them to drive safely —and then lie awake until we hear the car in the driveway. Every time they succeed in doing something new on their own, we are so very proud. And every time they are more than a few minutes late returning home, we wait and worry and imagine all kinds of terrors.

**Sisters greet each other at Pearson Airport as one returns from studying in Jerusalem.**

When their increasing independence includes their growing up as Jews, all kinds of other emotions come into play. We want them to love Israel; we want them to be committed, as Jews, to the Jewish state. We also want them to be safe, and to sleep through nights not broken with the wail of air raid sirens.

There is another factor. For so many of us, living in the Diaspora, our children are now making the commitment we thought about making 20 ro 25 years ago. We stayed here, and made our lives in the Diaspora. When our children choose to live or study in Israel, they are doing what we did not or could not do. Our pride in them comes, in part, because they are living what we only imagined.

The reasons for any decision to allow a child to remain in Israel during the Gulf War, or to bring him or her home, are as individual as each child's and each family's desires and needs. As families made their decisions over the past six weeks, the only thing they had in common was the difficulty in making them.

Which brings me to the crack in the solidarity within our community. Some who allowed their children to stay are criticizing those who came home; some whose children came home are wondering aloud why other families did not take their children out of danger.

This is not what parents or children or any of us in the Canadian Jewish community need. Those who stayed deserve praise. Those who honored their parents' wishes and came home can do much to support Israel here — as can we all, if only we remain united.

## Restraint still viable option despite missile attacks

COMMENTARY

By
IRWIN COTLER

The continuing Iraqi missile attack on densely populated civilian areas appears to have placed Israel in a "lose-lose" situation from the point of view of whether or not to retaliate.

If Israel does not respond to these Iraqi missile attacks on its civilian population, it may act as an incentive for Saddam Hussein to believe he can continue to attack with impunity; moreover, the Israeli civilian population, which historically has relied on the deterrent power of its army, may feel a certain sense of helplessness in what some are increasingly calling a "hostage" type situation.

Conversely, if Israel does retaliate, it may well fall prey to Saddam Hussein's entrapment policy i.e., to provoke Israel into a response and thereby convert a war of Iraq against the world into an Arab-Israeli confrontation, while driving a wedge in the U.S.-Arab allied coalition.

It would appear, that however difficult the decision may be, and however provocative the attacks — and threats — continue to be, the considerations still weigh in favor of restraint rather than retaliation. What follows is a recital of the arguments that "tilt" in favor of restraint, including reference, where appropriate, to competing considerations.

— It is not clear that restraint acts as an incentive for Saddam Hussein to strike Israel any more than retaliation would act as a deterrence. If the all-out attacks by the multinational forces have not deterred Iraq, it is hard to see how an Israeli one would; moreover, Iraq is already claiming that Israel has been attacking it, so that a genuine Israeli response would not appear to change much in Iraq's eyes.

— The Israeli population, while relying on its army for its essential protection, and admittedly apprehensive about these continuing missile attacks, has not sought to pressure its government into retaliating.

Rather, the population has been exhibiting an exemplary degree of civil courage and calm and an unusually high degree of confidence in its government conduct of the war. But, an increasing all-party chorus of concern is beginning to be heard in the Knesset to the effect that, as Amnon Rubinstein, head of the left-wing Shinui Party put it, "Our patience is not inexhaustible."

— Although the missle attacks have caused enormous damage and widespread grief — including rendering thousands homeless — there have been, rather miraculously, relatively few fatalities from these lethal attacks whose force could have caused hundreds of deaths.

For example, one Iraqi missile (of some 30 that have hit Israel thus far) smashed into a bomb shelter which would normally have housed some 50 people. However, the civilian population has been advised to stay in sealed rooms in their homes as protection against the missiles with possible chemical warheads.

That alone saved many lives. Another created a moon-like crater in the street where it fell between rows of apartment buildings. Some metres either way and there might have been untold deaths.

None of this is intended to trivialize the pain and suffering of the victims and their families; but, the limited number of fatalities has reduced the "terror" fallout, and the corresponding pressure to act.

Yet, one is beginning to sense an increased public apprehension resulting from Saddam Hussein's latest threats to use unconventional weapons — chemical, biological, even nuclear — together with the warning from Israeli Chief-of-Staff Dan Shomron that Saddam Hussein can — and may — make good on his threat.

— It is difficult to conceive of an act of retaliation that can add to, or be distinguishably different from, the saturation air attacks of the multinational force. As such, the Israeli response would be more cathartic than effective, more punitive than deterrent.

At the same time, the growing civilian apprehension about a possible Iraqi attack with unconventional weapons is now being nurtured by the present Israeli strategic assess-

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## *Purim's lesson*

Scholars have long observed that the key teaching instruments of the Bible are group memory and archetypical thinking. The former links the individual to the people; the latter links the people to its generations.

Purim is the perfect example.

The Megillah itself clearly and forcefully enjoins us to remember.

"And these days are remembered and commemorated in every generation and generation, family and family, country and country, city and city; and the days of this Purim shall not pass away from within the Jewish people, nor its memory dissipate among their descendants" (Chapter 9, verse 28).

What are we to remember? At one level we remember the events of the story. At another, deeper, level, we remember the significance of those events: that they have contemporary application and relevance. The story of Purim is an archetype whose lessons transcend time and place.

Purim is the tale of a Jewish community whose very existence is threatened by the murderous scheming and unbridled evil of the anti-Semitic Haman. But no connection is drawn between the community's ultimate salvation and Divine involvement. Indeed the story explicitly attributes the rescue of the community to human involvement.

The message of Purim for us today lies in the nature of this involvement. It had two central elements. First, there was wise but strong leadership, restrained and prudent as required, but bold and courageous at the hour of reckoning.

Second was the unity of the people at the peak of crisis. This may, in fact, have been the more decisive of the two elements. To emphasize the point, the Megillah uses the same verb, *lekahel*, which means both "assembling" and "standing together" and which is the origin of the word for "community," on five different occasions.

The message, ancient and modern, is clear. Strength lies not in numbers but in unity, in the ethereal and spiritual values of a united people determined to resist the evil-doer. This is a truth which we have lived often in our past and which we live even today.

A desert despot, oblivious to the suffering he has brought upon his own and other people, attempts, malevolently but in vain, to harm the state of Israel.

However, the state of Israel and its people, united and standing together, will prevail.

As we read the Megillah this year, amidst the clanging and the clatter and the grogging and the clapter of the *raashanim*, we obliterate merely the name of evil, not its memory. In this memory of the past is the illumination of our present. Purim 5751, indeed, brings to the Jewish people a great celebration, "from family to family, country to country, and city to city."

## *Fine gesture*

A small but significant victory for the spirit of mankind occurred recently at Carnegie Hall in New York City when Pavel Haas's Study for String Orchestra was performed there by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and its conductor Seiji Ozawa.

Pavel Haas was a Czech composer of distinction who had trained under such distinguished mentors as Leos Janacek, the director of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra from 1881 to 1888. With the outbreak of the Second World War, Haas was sent to the Terezin facility, a holding camp in Czechoslovakia in which the Nazis kept Jews before they dispatched them to Auschwitz and the other death camps.

Haas, one of the denizens of Terezin, did not live long after his Study for String Orchestra was performed by a fellow prisoner, Karl Ancerl. Ancerl is remembered by Canadians as a former conductor of the Toronto Symphony. Haas died in Auschwitz one month after the Terezin performance.

Thanks to the Terezin Chamber Music Foundation, a Boston-based group founded by Mark Ludwig, a violist with the Boston Symphony, the spirit and genius which animates Haas's music lives on in our time. His Study was performed in Boston before its New York debut.

The sweet cadences of Haas's work points up the tragic loss to this world which occurred when the Nazis carried out their Holocaust against the Jewish people. It is fortunate that among the martyred millions there were some who, despite their agony, managed to channel their creative spirits into works of art.

The Boston Symphony should be applauded for its fine gesture in paying posthumous tribute to Pavel Haas and those who shared his tragic fate.

# TO THE EDITOR:

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### ANOTHER MIRACLE NEEDED

On Jan. 20, thousands of Jews gathered at Beth Tzedec synagogue in Toronto to show their solidarity with the State of Israel.

No one stopped me at the door to ask me whether I believed in God, whether I used one or two challahs on the table, whether I had walked or driven or run to this meeting place, whether I wanted to sit beside my husband or not, whether I believed God actually wrote our sacred words.

I was there. That was enough to be admitted into Klal Israel . . . the panoply of individuals who identify culturally, spiritually, ethnically, ethically, linguistically or sentimentally with the Jewish fate.

Why is it only in crisis that we can forget our differences and huddle together for mutual strength? Why can't we realize that every day that Jews dissociate themselves from each other for reasons of religious practice, heritage or custom, we are creating a crisis for the Jewish destiny at least as serious as our external enemies are able to inflict upon us.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, masses of our people came together voluntarily, speedily, quietly and passionately. We sat together, sang together, rejoiced together, prayed together, cried together, feared together and hoped together.

No one worried whether our meeting place was Orthodox, Conservative or Reform. No one worried whether the speakers were male or female, observant or not. We were glad that the world at last seemed to understand the tragic predicament of Israel's survival. We were told that, by some miracle, the world was now, for the time being, on Israel's side, begging to be allowed to protect and support.

We were told that Israel does not hope for miracles, it expects them. Military allied support for Israel's cause is a miracle. Can we extend another miracle amongst ourselves? Can we believe that Jews can live in peace and mutual respect even when we are not huddled under the threat of external crisis?

I think it is a miracle each of us must work to make happen.

**Dr. Sandy Shiner**
**Toronto**

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### HIGH COST TO ISRAELIS

We, the Jews in the Diaspora, have accomplished a great feat in the amount of money raised through our Exodus campaigns. This has been done during the most trying times when we, especially in North America, have been experiencing the most serious recession since the Second World War.

This money is being raised in order to bring every Jew that wants to come to Israel from the Soviet Union as well as Ethiopia.

What is forgotten at times are the great sacrifices made by the Jews in Israel for the same purpose. Their standard of living has been lowered by increasing direct taxes and even reducing defence consumption with all the dangers and consequences this involves during this critical period.

Some of the decisions taken in order to absorb these olim are:

— Increasing V.A.T. from 16 to 18 per cent.

— Abolition of second child allowance.

— Decreasing welfare insurance.

— Drastic increase in the number of pupils in classes.

— Lowering minimum wages.

— Reduction in number entitled to unemployment benefits.

— Taxation on lottery prizes.

— Increase in purchase tax on cigarettes and beer.

In addition, there will be future burdens arising from the obligations that the government has taken upon itself.

Nevertheless, it is clear that there is a need to mobilize enormous additional sums of money from other sources.

At the Jewish Agency executive and board, we are dealing not only with the issue of possibly reducing the cost of bringing Soviet olim to Israel and a loan program to these immigrants, but in addition, restructuring the Jewish Agency in order to reduce costs of operating the Agency wherever possible.

Although immigration has slowed down due to the Gulf War, we anticipate the floodgates to open more so than ever just as soon as hostilities end.

**Philip Granovsky**
**Chairman of the Board of U.I.A. of Canada and,**
**Chairman, World Income Committee of the Jewish Agency**

**Rehavam Ze'evi**

### MORAL IMPLICATIONS SHOCKING

The appointment of Rehavam Ze'evi to the Israeli cabinet by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is disturbing.

Practically speaking and from a public relations point of view, the decision is at best counterproductive. It has obviously caused deep division amongst senior cabinet ministers and one wonders if the appointment would have been made had some of those threatened to resign.

The moral implications of appointing an advocate who favors forced transfers of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza are shocking. For those of us who passionately defend Israel and cite its adherence to the rule of law and just humane treatment of the Palestinians under the most trying of circumstances it is not acceptable for Shamir to dismiss the appointment by simply stating that's politics.

The people of Israel and its supporters abroad deserve a better explanation than that.

**Bert Raphael**
**President**
**Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada**

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### SENIORS IN ISRAEL

In an article about the CARI program (Canadian Active Retirees in Israel) sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (CJN Jan. 17), reporter David Lazarus quoted me about going on this wonderful program (which I have been going for the last seven years).

I had to cancel because of illness in the family. I trust that all those seniors who went on the program are enjoying it, which I am sure they are.

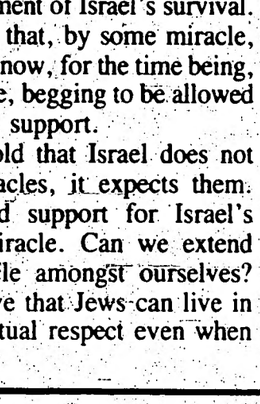
I am praying there will be peace soon in the Middle East, and that Israel will be spared.

**Jean Small**
**Montreal**

## "Breadlines" start at 5 o'clock to get into popular eating spots

It seems to me that "Where do we eat tonight?" is the most common inquiry that we Jews ask one another in Florida during the winter months.

Eating is really not eating if you're not in Florida in the winter. At the popular Jewish restaurants there are enormous "breadlines" of hungry Jews from all over North America struggling to get into the popular Jewish eating places.



**J.B. Salsberg**

There are enormous lines forming, starting at around 5 o'clock. These are the early birds. Then come the regulars and to give you an example, I will describe an experience that I and a group of Canadians had last evening.

First, we were among a crowd of people, a divergent mass, but as we neared the temple of Jewish food a woman commander divided us and shouted, "Singles and couples on this side, parties of three or more on this side." It was obvious people were crossing lines and they were caught and made to feel they were pariahs.

I said to the woman commander in a sweet voice, "We are from Canada." She said, "So what? Everybody here is from somewhere." I didn't open my mouth anymore. Finally we were admitted, and by that time we were exhausted.

So you know what a difficult life Canadian Jews observe here. They are "breadline" people.

Otherwise, no news. I sprained my left leg, so I limp along doing the best I can. Hopefully I will be with you in a week or two and these difficult days will be behind me.

Keep the snow on the ground so I can feast my eyes on it.

## name game

**There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.**

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### GEBURTIG — AUSLANDER

I was always fascinated with the surname of one of my colleagues sadly deceased — Sol Gebirtig.

A little research turned up its meaning — "native" in German. I infer that there was either a pride in being born in the community or a xenophobic condescension of the immigrant. Auslander was an alien, literally from out of the country.

*Injection of friendship welcome now*

# Children donning gas masks shows true horrors of war

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Valentine's Day — when this column is being written — is not exactly a Jewish festival. It has its roots in Christian folklore, but its religious origins have been totally forgotten and it has become a harmless civic observance with which there can be little quarrel. For after all, in a time of animosities, war and hatred, the injection of love and friendship comes as a welcome relief. Unfortunately, sending someone a valentine cannot compete with sterner messages that come from the Gulf.

— My friend and colleague, Rabbi Joseph Glaser, has recently returned from Israel and sent his colleagues a summary of his impressions.

He had been attending a meeting with Israel's top leadership when they had to join others, including three small children, in the middle of a state dinner, and repair to the bomb shelter.

"It was a stellar cast," he wrote, "but the tots 'stole the show' for me. No, they were not adorable, they were loudly crying and screaming and protesting and running at the nose. They were fighting off their parents' attempts to put their gas masks on and one of them into a plastic pup tent, too small was she to take a mask.

"You haven't seen terror until you have seen a three-year old child resisting a gas mask being put on by someone who has the body of her father but the face of a monstrous housefly . . . Once you have donned the gas mask as you run to a sealed room and sit there with those little kids listening to the missiles explode, you can't return completely to normal U.S. life. You take that reality with you wherever you go."

Rabbi Plaut

Rabbi Glaser then writes about his impressions of the Israeli leadership. They are realistically accepting the advantages accorded them by international applause for Israeli restraint. He sees in it "a touch of irony frequently expressed that the world is back to favoring the Jew as victim, turning the other cheek, bearing the suffering for the sake of the greater good as the missiles fall."

— Turning to another reaction, this one from a prominent Israeli, who for many years has been critical of his government's policies. He is Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, who can certainly not be classed as a hawk in politics. A recent article of his, in the Jerusalem Post, highlighted the difficulties which the Israeli peace movement is facing at the current time. Writes Rubinstein:

"We are sitting in our sealed rooms, gas masks and all, listening to more news about these mass demonstrations in European cities — protesting against the war in the Gulf, railing against 'blood for oil.'

"What exactly are all these thousands marching against? Surely not against war itself; never a disparaging word was heard from them when for eight years Iran and Iraq spilled the blood of their youth in a senseless, meaningless slaughter. Yet, in that war alone — not to mention scores of fratricidal wars on the African continent — many more people died than the number of victims who will, alas, fall in the action taken by the United States against the bloody tyrant from Baghdad."

Rubinstein goes on to suggest that, at the heart of these demonstrations is a pervasive anti-American (cum anti-Israel) sentiment, fueled by a motley group of left-wing activists. They are, in Rubinstein's opinions, "perhaps well-intentioned and highly motivated, but their world is sealed to all reason, and on their heads they wear a mask through which they see nothing and hear nothing except their own slogans."

— The Canadian Jewish News, two weeks ago, reported on the death of Rabbi Joseph Holstein of Jerusalem. He died because his Auschwitz experiences so traumatized him that he could not bear the sound of the sirens and all they betokened. This story hit very close to home, because the rabbi's wife, Judy, is the daughter of my first cousin. It also reminds me that the true death toll caused by the Scud missiles can never be ascertained. I venture to say that there were other Holocaust survivors who could not endure the all-too-real reenactment of their dreadful past.

# *Purim festival provides a bit of joy for grown-ups*

By
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We need a little joy about now, so tradition has provided Purim. Grown-ups appreciate its story of Jewish salvation, its chance to socialize with each other, its richness. Kids may catch some of the deeper meaning on the fly, but they appreciate carnivals, costumes and candy, not necessarily in that order.

The first year we lived in our neighborhood, home to many observant Jewish families, Purim caught me completely by surprise. Baskets appeared on our doorstep brimming with fruit, nuts and candy, tagged with Shalach Manos cards and hiding miniature bottles of wine or vodka. I had never seen such generosity, but I got with the program quickly.

By the next year, I was ready with my boxes and my goodies. The game was in giving the baskets to our friends before they brought their baskets to us. We've played several years now, but we've discovered that losing is as much fun as winning. We always fix a couple of extra baskets, because each year brings the discovery that one has gained another friend, another person who feels close enough, or good enough, to leave a greeting. Reciprocating speedily is critical to cementing the new friendship. Although I try to plan ahead, I assume if I confess that, maybe once or twice, I've assembled an extra basket I didn't expect to need by re-allocating some of the fruits of Purim that have come to me in other baskets. I wouldn't be the first (or last) housewife to do so.

Purim precisely suits our four-year-old daughter, who puts on costumes as a matter of general, daily recreation. No scarf, hat, feather or furbelow is safe around her fertile imagination.

Just before last Chanukah, my patient mother-in-law took her shopping for party clothes. They went to a store with vast aisles of pretty little dresses. My daughter darted up one row and down the next. In five minutes, she returned and announced to my mother-in-law, "The dress I want isn't here."

Nothing could budge her from that opinion. She rejected the entire offerings of two more stores before her Nana gave up on her. It turned out that what the child had been looking for was a wedding dress.

Confronting the inevitable, I glued some netting to a hairband to create a veil and made her a wedding dress by adding cheap lace to a floor-length white Cinderella costume, no doubt a remainder from Halloween. She was thrilled, but I spent the subsequent weeks trying to tell her why she couldn't wear her "marry dress" to school, services or the supermarket.

One chilly day recently, we sent her upstairs to put on warmer clothing. Her response was to don two ballet tutus, one on top of the other. She didn't understand why that didn't meet our expectations or why we wanted her to hide such a beautiful outfit under a sweater (defined as a garment a child must wear when its mother is chilly).

This kid was born for Purim. She's Vashti in the morning, the King at lunch and Esther by bedtime, all in the same long nightie and feather boa. She sashays around the house, dripping rhinestones and making up dramatic monologues, as blissful as it is possible to get without winning a sweepstakes.

My older daughter, who is seven, enjoys the costumes and the treats, but she loves the carnivals best. No event is too cheesy to intrigue her. The little neighboring fairs that appear in the park overnight, but decamp and disappear three days later are as splendid as the Taj Mahal to her. She finds the twinkling lights and tinkling music, the T-shirts airbrushed in lurid colors, the pitch penny vendors, all as intriguing as the best of Broadway. She'd join the circus in a minute if she could count on three square meals a day and frequent bubble baths. Just let the rinky-dinkiest ferris wheel give a single spin, and she's ready to roll.

All of this makes her the perfect audience for even a small Purim carnival spread out in a parking lot on a windy afternoon. She knows the exotic gypsy in the crimson scarves and the big hoop earrings is just one more volunteer mom, but she doesn't care. She's already learned that there are some days when you just don't want to know everything you know, and this may be one of them.

So grab a costume and jump on the roller coaster. Purim's twin messages of survival and celebration complete for our attention, and right now, a dose of celebration just might help tide us over.

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# Gulf War necessary for Israel's survival, world stability

By
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Muslims clamor for holy war. Christians agonize as to whether the Gulf War is just. Jews, in customary pragmatic fashion, must assert the obvious — that this is a necessary war.

It is necessary for the stability of the world. If the arms merchants will be able to make enormous gains by supplying tyrants with the means to hold us all to ransom, no amount of non-proliferation treaties between the superpowers will save humanity from nuclear catastrophe.

Two of the lessons we have already learnt are, firstly, that Israel's ostensibly illegal action in destroying the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981 has averted a nuclear threat from Iraq of global proportions. Tradition suggests that there are times, albeit rare, when breaking the law upholds it. This was such an occasion.

Secondly, it has been demonstrated that supplying a dictator like Saddam Hussein with means of destruction, however profitable and expedient it may seem at the time, leads to moral and political collapse.

The German firms that made it possible for Iraq to make gas with which Jews could be annihilated is the most telling illustration. It is inconceivable that even cynical politicians will not draw some sobering conclusions about the unacceptable face of capitalism.

The Gulf War is also necessary for Israel's security. If Saddam Hussein's arsenal is left intact, it is only a matter of time before he turns it against Israel. Perhaps the world at large is not too perturbed by another Jewish massacre, but, mercifully, the government of the United States is.

After the collapse of the Soviet empire, the United States is the main guarantor of stability in the world. Without its initiative and intervention, international anarchy might become the order of the day. Even if it makes mistakes, as it has in Latin America, these may be preferable to passive acquiescence to the status quo.

Jews in Canada should bear this in mind. For many of the calls for peace that have been made in this country have been colored by the strong anti-American feelings which so often cover Canadian envy of its powerful neighbor.

Past American sins have been conveniently invoked as a means of giving vent to the perennial hostility. Jews should not be carried away by it.

Not that we can ignore the inconsistencies and hypocrisies in American foreign policy — or in the policy of any country for that matter, including Canada and Israel — but actions have to be judged on their merits, not on past misdemeanors by the agents. And the present actions by the United States — consistently supported by the government of Canada — is serving good causes.

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I have expressed these views from the start of the conflict. As a result, I have been at odds with many friends in the peace movement, including some Jews. For I do not believe that non-belligerence necessarily serves the cause of peace.

To think of the Gulf War as a repetition of Vietnam is less convincing than to see Saddam Hussein as an incarnation of Hitler. And those who remember Hitler cannot imagine peace without his defeat.

The alternatives to the Gulf War that its opponents are putting forward are puzzling. While justly pointing to the horrors of civilian Iraqi deaths, despite the alleged precision of war technology, they insist that sanctions should have been given more time.

Do they really believe that killing people by starvation is better? Or do they think that Saddam Hussein would have let his army go hungry while feeding mothers and children? Or that this war machinery would not have been further strengthened had he had more time to prepare?

It seems, therefore, that opponents to the Gulf War may be, consciously or not, sacrificing facts for the sake of high-minded principles. The frequent speculations as to what the CIA should have done, or could have done, but chose not to do, may fuel anti-American feelings, but they do not shed much light on the problem.

The same opponents may also prove to be indifferent to the predicament of the Jewish state in case Saddam's regime survives. It would not be the first time that well-meaning women and men find Jews expendable. Even if, at times, this causes embarrassment to Jewish liberals, there is no reason why they should be demoralized by it.

It is particularly embarrassing to those involved in Jewish-Christian co-operation. For once again, it seems, official church bodies have issued statements which must please Saddam Hussein — if for no other reason than for their lack of understanding of the dangers to the Jews in Israel.

The only comfort comes from the many personal expressions of sympathy and understanding that I, and no doubt many others, have received from thoughtful and concerned Christians. It is they who vindicate continued co-operation.

The lack of understanding for Israel is often linked to the hostility toward the United States, which is seen as the real cause of the intransigence of the government of Israel. Although this is a neat way of combining two prejudices, Jews should not be duped by it either by failing to see the necessity of the Gulf War, or by abandoning their liberal principles.

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The policies of Israel's Likud government have not been vindicated. No doubt, Likud supporters here and elsewhere will wish to make that claim, but others have reason to be more cautious. For once, Shamir's policy of non-action was the right one, because even a clock that stands still shows the right time twice a day, but that does not yet prove that he is ready to seize the new opportunities that may emerge.

The inclusion of yet another ultra-rightist party in his government points in a different, and ominous, direction. It may have been intended to intimidate the Arabs in the territories, but, in fact, it has frightened Jews everywhere.

Israeli peace activists have recognized the necessity of the Gulf War without renouncing their opposition to Israeli occupation. In fact, many see an opportunity to make progress towards a solution of the Palestinian issue, once the war is over — not by the immoral and hypocritical linkage that Saddam Hussein offers in lieu of support by Palestinians and other Arabs, but by accepting that his removal will make it possible for more moderate, and realistic, forces to emerge on both sides, present conditions notwithstanding.

The rumors about the demise of Peace Now and similar groups are, therefore, unwarranted. They come from sources unable to judge issues on their merits.

They believe that supporting the destruction of Saddam Hussein also means being against the Palestinians: a different, but equally, sick form of linkage; a mirror image of the false generalizations of the peace activists. Extremists have an uncanny way of making common cause.

As I was walking out of the solidarity rally in Toronto after the outbreak of the Gulf War, a communal leader said to me something to the effect that I had obviously seen the light and abandoned my opposition to occupation.

It was too important an event to tell him that it was he who was still groping in the dark.

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## Features

### Mubarak defends Israel's right of self-defence

# *Egypt helps legitimize U.S. moves in the Gulf*

By
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Anti-war sentiment is growing in Egypt, the first Arab country to deploy troops in Saudi Arabia after Iraq's invasion — and annexation — of Kuwait.

Although President Hosni Mubarak is firmly committed to the coalition ranged against Iraq, he is definitely feeling the effects of a backlash critical of Egypt's pivotal role in the Gulf War.

Egypt, a major U.S. ally in the Middle East, has about 40,000 troops, backed up by armor, in the Gulf, all based in eastern Saudi Arabia. And Egypt, apart from Saudi Arabia and Syria, provides an indispensable political fig leaf that effectively legitimizes U.S. military moves in the Persian Gulf.

In the months preceding the war, when a peaceful outcome of the crisis seemed possible if improbable, the vast majority of Egyptians were in lockstep with Mubarak. But since the outbreak of hostilities on Jan. 16, some of that support has slipped away.

Egyptians were solidly behind Mubarak in the immediate aftermath of Iraq's aggression in Kuwait on Aug. 2. With Iraq steadfastly refusing to compromise, Mubarak convened an Arab League summit in Cairo in a last-ditch effort to convince Iraq to withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait. Having failed to cajole Iraq, Egypt took the lead in ramming through three momentous resolutions. The first condemned Iraq's occupation. The second slapped an embargo on Iraq. The third called for the dispatch of Arab forces to the Persian Gulf to defend Saudi Arabia from a feared Iraqi attack. Twelve countries supported the motions, two (Algeria and Yemen) abstained and three (Jordan, Sudan and Mauritania) expressed reservations. Only three (Iraq, Libya and the PLO) rejected the resolutions.

From the start, Mubarak did his utmost to try to avert a crisis. Late in July, after Iraq had threatened Kuwait, the Egyptian leader went to Baghdad and issued a personal appeal to Saddam Hussein to back off. He left Iraq with the impression that Saddam would abide by reason. Having been betrayed by Saddam, and having concluded that Saddam was immune to pressure, Mubarak moved swiftly to isolate Iraq.

In general, Egyptians backed their president, notwithstanding gnawing reservations about splitting the Arab world into irreconcilable camps. There was satisfaction that Egypt was part of a much wider, United Nations drive to expel Iraq from Kuwait. There was widespread outrage at the plight of tens of thousands of penniless and bedraggled Egyptian guest workers streaming out of Kuwait and Iraq without $500 million (U.S.) in back wages and $12 billion (U.S.) in frozen bank account savings. There was anger by the disclosure that Egyptian workers in Iraq had been physically mistreated and even murdered by Iraqis. By the same token, there was apprehension that the strained Egyptian economy might not be able to absorb these hapless, displaced arrivals.

If Mubarak's pro-coalition position displeased some Egyptians, the majority of his countrymen rallied behind him, heartened by a sudden infusion of economic aid to the tune of billions of dollars from fellow Arab states, Western Europe, Japan and the United States. After all, Egypt stood to lose anywhere between $4 billion and $10 billion (U.S.) for participating in the coalition.

As the crisis escalated, and Iraq dug into Kuwait, the Egyptian government sought to deflect Iraqi criticism of its policy by bringing Israel into the overall equation.

•Egypt — the only Arab country which has diplomatic relations with Israel — condemned Israel for its actions in the Temple Mount incident. Last October, Israeli policemen opened fire on Palestinians in East Jerusalem, killing at least 19, after Palestinian demonstrators stoned Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall.

•Egypt linked an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait with an Israeli evacuation of the territories, while rejecting the notion of linkage repeatedly espoused by Saddam.

The Egyptians hewed to the principle that the acquisition of territory through force is inadmissible, but argued that concessions to Iraq on the Palestinian question would solve neither problem, bolster Saddam's prestige and enhance his self-image as a pan-Arab hero.

In adopting this position, Egypt was not only cutting the ground under Saddam's feet. It was taking concrete steps to preserve its traditional status as as the first among equals in the Arab family of nations. (Egypt was ostracized for its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. But Egypt, the political, cultural and economic hub of the Arab world, was readmitted to the Islamic Conference Organization in 1984. At an Arab summit in Amman in 1987, Egypt was invited back to the Arab fold. Egypt re-established diplomatic ties with Syria in 1989, after having repaired relations with Iraq and a host of other Arab nations, and rapidly moved to the centre stage of Arab politics with the return of Arab League headquarters from Tunis to Cairo last year.)

Hosni Mubarak is seen with Israeli Labor party leader Shimon Peres.

Internal dissatisfaction with Egypt's role in the Gulf surfaced when the fundamentalist Moslem Brotherhood and the socialist Tagammu party condemned Iraq but expressed strong reservations about the presence of U.S. and European forces in Saudi Arabia. Despite Egypt's pro-Western orientation and its close relations with the United States, there is a powerful undercurrent of anti-Western feeling throughout the country, forged in part by centuries of foreign, colonialist domination.

More cracks in Egypt's pro-coalition stance appeared when the commander of the Egyptian expeditionary force in Saudi Arabia publicly stated that Egyptian troops in Saudi Arabia would only defend the holy places in Mecca and Medina. Significantly, he was replaced.

After he was sacked, discordant voices in Egypt's parliament — which is dominated by Mubarak's National Democratic party — embraced the same theme, and added the proviso that Egyptian troops should not be used in Iraq itself.

The carping has grown louder since the relentless allied air campaign, which has resulted in the deaths of numerous Iraqi civilians, and Iraq's supposedly unconditional agreement to withdraw from Kuwait.

Mubarak has not been immune to their entreaties. In a recent gesture, he voiced opposition to Iraq's destruction and said he could envisage future co-operation with Iraq, even with Saddam remaining in power. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs, repeated that message last week.

Yet these soothing words haven't dampened the ardor of Mubarak's adversaries — who've staged several low-key demonstrations in the past few weeks, in violation of the state of emergency which has governed Egypt nearly continuously since the Six Day War.

As a precaution, the government has reportedly rounded up critics of the war and tightened security around public buildings and hotels. Mubarak is not paranoic. Last October, the speaker of the Egyptian parliament, Rifaat al-Mahgoub, was gunned down as he rode to work in his armor-plated Mercedes sedan.

Mubarak's most vocal critics harp on the allegation that Egypt has become a pawn of U.S.-Israel. interests. They have warned him that he may meet the same fate as his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated almost a decade ago by Islamic fundamentalists.

Their rhetoric has not intimidated Mubarak, a stolid, colorless figure who was the commander of the air force during the Yom Kippur War.

As if to taunt them, Mubarak has defended Israel's right of self-defence in the face of Iraqi Scuds hitting Israeli cities. What is more, Mubarak has declared that Iraq's unprovoked aggression is inimical to Arab interests. The Scuds not only generate sympathy and financial assistance for Israel. They damage the Palestinian cause, which is already battered by Yasser Arafat's identification with Iraq.

Barring unforseen circumstances, Mubarak has a good chance of capitalizing on the situation in the Gulf. He can enhance his stature as an Arab leader. He can reinforce Egypt's centrality in the Arab world. He can establish yet closer relations with the United States, which, more than ever, regards Egypt as a strategic ally of immeasurable worth.

In the post-war era, analysts concur, Mubarak can cash in his chits and urge the Bush administration to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute once and for all. If Washington listens, Mubarak's stock will rise dramatically.

Mubarak can also expect additional American economic aid. To date, the United States has written off Egypt's $7 billion military debt, hinted that greater aid levels may be in the offing and encouraged Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, the Gulf Co-operation Council, Western Europe and Japan to be generous in doling out aid to Cairo.

So far, these donors have pledged in the order of about $15 billion (U.S.)

Cairo can use every bit of help.

Egypt is deeply in debt, owing creditors some $50 billion (U.S.). Remittances from Egyptian expatriates, which totalled some $8 billion (U.S.) in 1989 and accounted for approximately one third of Egypt's foreign currency earnings, have largely dried up since the Gulf crisis. For Mubarak, the good news is that Egyptians have begun flooding into Saudi Arabia and taking the jobs of Yemenis who were expelled by the Saudi royal house. Saudi Arabia was appalled by Yemen's pro-Iraqi tilt.

Two other key sectors of the Egyptian economy, tourism and Suez Canal tolls, have been adversely affected by the situation in the Gulf. But observers expect them to bounce back once the dust in the Persian Gulf settles.

# Restraint remains option for Israel

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ment of the first three weeks of the war.

In a word, in contrast to the initial American euphoria that most of Saddam Hussein's offensive capacity has been destroyed, it is now clear that his Scud missiles have not been neutralized, let alone destroyed; and there is a growing military — and political — view that a "special Israeli operation may be necessary."

— There is a real risk that in the present electronic war an Israeli response might be problematic from an operational point of view, in that it would be difficult to co-ordinate it with the military offensive of the multinational force. Indeed, there is a danger that the Israeli response could mistakenly or unavoidably clash with an allied force, rather than target an Iraqi one.

The American reluctance to disclose the electronic codes necessary for a co-ordinated operation means that any Israeli military initiative remains conditional upon American political agreement.

— The danger of Iraq using an Israeli attack to widen the war and convert it into an Arab-Israeli one, or worse, a Muslim-Jewish one, is real. While the Arab members of the multi-national force have indicated that a response by Israel would not drive a wedge into the allied coalition, the risk still remains.

As well, Iran, which has thus far remained neutral, might consider itself obliged to respond, as an act of "Muslim Solidarity;" while Jordan, where pro-Iraqi sentiment is increasing daily, might challenge Israeli aircraft passing through Jordanian airspace on their way to Iraq.

— The United States has been very understanding of the Israeli predicament, praising Israeli restraint and supplying it with the Patriot anti-missile missile. In a word, Israeli restraint has reaped both political and military dividends, which a retaliatory strike could put at risk.

— Israeli restraint has also resulted in a dramatic turnaround in world public opinion, and produced a greater understanding of the Israeli case and cause even amongst those who had been most critical of Israeli policy and practice during the intifada.

That, too, could be put at risk by an untimely or disproportionate act of retaliation. But, the classic Israeli refrain is now increasingly being heard: "We would rather be alive and unpopular, then dead and popular," with echoes of Golda Meir's legendary riposte to the Americans now being heard again: "By the time you get here, we won't be here."

"To retaliate or not to retaliate" is the question that all Israelis ask themselves. At present, as the polls show, some 70 per cent opposed retaliation, or approve the present government policy of restraint. But, that opposition is "soft," and as a poll shows, some 83 per cent would be in favor of retaliation should there be an Iraqi attack with unconventional weapons.

Three factors, alone or in combination, can be expected to influence a change in Israeli policy — first, if Scud missile attacks continue, and the fatalities grow; second, if the multinational bombing appears to be unsuccessful in neutralizing the Iraqi missile threat; and third, and most important, if the dreaded attack with chemical weapons, or worse, appears imminent, let alone occurs.

In a word, restraint this far has been a political, military and possibly, ultimately, a peace dividend. But, as someone put it in the Knesset debate, these are considerations of the "head" rather than the "heart;" and if another wrenching missile should occur, the heart and head may come together.

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## Backgrounder

*An ethnic hodge-podge*

# Bermuda home to Lilliputian Jewish community

By
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**HAMILTON, Bermuda —**

On this semi-tropical isle, a verdant speck in the churning Atlantic nearly 1,000 kilometres from the nearest land mass, there exists a Lilliputian Jewish community.

Britain's oldest self-governing colony, Bermuda was settled in the early 17th century by the survivors of a shipwreck off the western coast of the island. A handful of Jewish traders gravitated to Bermuda from 1694 to 1761, but were subject to discriminatory taxes. Among them were Moses and Jacob Franks, the largest purveyors of supplies to British forces before the American Revolution.

Despite these sojourners, Jewish settlement didn't take root in Bermuda. This may have been a function of Bermuda's remoteness, the lure of North America, the expectation of greater economic opportunities elsewhere and the unsympathetic attitude of local governors toward Jews.

**Brian Alkon (left) and Vaughan Wright. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]**

Still, the occasional Jew found his way to Bermuda, and by the First World War Bermuda was home to about a minyan of Jews.

By this time, Bermuda's tourism industry had become the bedrock of its economy. But it wasn't until the end of the Second World War that Jewish guests were welcomed by local hoteliers. "If your name was Greenberg, you didn't get a hotel reservation," says Vaughan Wright, a native Bermudian, former Rhodes Scholar, banker and current lay leader of the Jewish community.

Discriminatory barriers gradually fell as Jewish servicemen arrived to man the air and naval bases the United States had leased from Bermuda in 1940.

"There were Jewish dentists, doctors and pilots," explains Wright, whose forebears were British citizens. "There were 40, 50, 60 Jews on these bases, including Col. Barney Golden of the U.S. army, who was here for a long time."

Jewish military personnel established the first organized Jewish community in Bermuda, and visiting chaplains conducted services at the interdenominational U.S. air force chapel.

In 1943, when the Holocaust was in full swing, Bermuda was the venue of the Anglo-American Conference on Refugees. As news of Nazi atrocities filtered out of Europe, Jewish leaders in the United States and Britain called on the Allies to rescue Jews trapped in German-occupied territories. Under additional pressure from members of Parliament, humanitarian organizations and churches, the British Foreign Office agreed to examine the problem in consultation with the United States.

Ironically enough, the nine-day conference got under way on April 19, the very day the Warsaw Ghetto uprising broke out. Since private observers were not admitted, Jewish groups could only submit memoranda suggesting rescue measures. The Jewish Agency's memorandum called on the Allies to facilitate the emigration of Jews in Axis countries and their resettlement in Allied nations. It also suggested that Palestine be open to Jewish refugees.

The conference rejected the proposals, and no practical steps were taken to save Jews from the yawning Nazi abyss. In Palestine, the expression "spirit of Bermuda" became synonymous with impotence and despair.

This bleak footnote in Bermuda's history seems forgotten today, as Wright and his fellow Jews speak fondly of building the first synagogue cum community centre on Bermudian soil.

"We can do it," says Wright.

Brian Alkon, the proprietor of the Mermaid Beach Club in Warwick, concurs. "We'll have our own synagogue one day."

Given its present size of about 100 permanent residents, of whom some 40 are retirees, mainly from North America and Britain, the community could certainly use a synagogue.

For years, High Holiday services were held at the U.S. Air Force chapel and, sometimes, even at the low-slung Mermaid Beach Club, which has a breathtaking view of the southern coastline. Lately, Jews have gathered at the Chamber of Commerce building in Hamilton, the capital of this clean, charming island.

According to Wright, six to seven families go to services regularly.

Vaughan often leads services, but for High Holidays and bar and bat mitzvahs (there have been about a dozen in the last decade), a rabbi from Needham, Mass., is imported. Rabbi Herbert Tobin has shuttled to Bermuda for the past five years, usually bringing prayer books with him.

A makeshift Hebrew school has been in operation since the Second World War, but there have been times when a lack of demand has forced its temporary closure. The school has 12 pupils, and they meet at the teacher's home once a week. Previously, classes took place at the Mermaid Beach Club.

The teacher, who is a qualified Hebrew instructor, was born in Ireland and lived in Australia and Hong Kong before moving to Bermuda two years ago.

Described by Alkon as "little oasis of Judaism," the Bermudian community is nothing if not an ethnic hodge-podge.

Wright's wife was born in Wales, while Alkon — who has lived in Bermuda for almost 20 years — is originally from Wayne, Penn. Alkon, whose parents are from Poland, met his Bermudian wife, Maxine, at college in the United States. Before settling in Bermuda, Alkon worked as a newspaper ad salesman.

Alkon says the Jews of Bermuda come from all corners of the globe, including Israel, Morocco, Tunisia and Spain. A good many of the younger members of the community are employed by international companies based in Bermuda, which means the Jewish population is transient. Jews in Bermuda also tend to be professionals or are associated with the important travel industry.

In a balmy, faraway place like Bermuda, some Jews downplay or ignore their Jewishness, Alkon claims. "There are some 'silent' Jews in Bermuda. They want to be recessive."

The Jews of Bermuda, he adds, try hard to maintain their traditions. "We have to work on our Judaism. But we keep the spirit of Judaism going here."

Mixed marriages in Bermuda are not uncommon, but converts to Judaism invariably strengthen the community. In any case, intermarried couples do not raise eyebrows. "We don't ask questions around here," says Alkon.

It was reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency recently that Bermudian Jews planned to send their first collective gift to Israel in the form of funds for Operation Exodus, the world-wide campaign in support of the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel.

"In fact, we've been giving Israel collective gifts for years, at least since the Six Day War," says Wright, who lived in the Jewish state from 1969 to 1971.

Several months ago, the immediate past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Dorothy Reitman, visited Bermuda in her capacity as vice-president of the Commonwealth Jewish Council.

In the course of her visit, during which she met the island's premier and governor, Wright issued an invitation for the Commonwealth Jewish Council to hold its official meeting in Bermuda in 1991.

Reitman, who describes the Bermudian community as "lovely and vibrant," says the Commonwealth Jewish Council may well convene in Bermuda in 1993.

# *Edward Serotta follows in the footsteps of Vishniac*

By
STEVE LIPMAN

Edward Serotta, a native of Savannah, Ga., is following the path through Eastern Europe that Roman Vishniac, a son of St. Petersburg in Russia, took nearly 60 years ago.

But Serotta says his path, through the viewfinder of a camera, won't end at a graveyard.

Serotta, 41, has spent the last five years photographing and interviewing the Jews of the former Communist bloc. A freelance writer-photographer for American and British publications, he has received grants from several foundations, including the New York-based Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

After criss-crossing the Atlantic for three years, he moved to Europe in early 1988, settling in Budapest, then in Saarbrucken, a German town on the French border. Serotta calls himself the only European-based Jewish journalist to document Eastern European Jewry during the last days of communism. And he is, he says, the first photographer to record Jewish life in the region, in detail, since Vishniac roamed across Eastern Europe and the Baltic states from 1932 to 1939.

Vishniac's work, spurred by a premonition of the coming Holocaust, ended when the Second World War began. His pictures of beggars and yeshiva students and wide-eyed children in shtetlach destroyed by the Nazis were published in a book, *A Vanished World*. Vishniac, who was trained as a biologist and worked as a microphotographer after fleeing to the United States in 1940, died last January at the age of 92.

Unlike Vishniac's doomed communities, the estimated 99,000 Jews in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Yugoslavia and the now-merged East Germany are more than the entrails of communism's legacy, Serotta says.

"I came to that part of the world to document the last Jews of Eastern Europe," he says. "As a Jew, I felt that it's necessary. I wanted to do it because no one else had ever done it." Thirteen thousand photographs and 160,000 kilometres later, he says: "There are no last Jews. In various ways, Jewish life will continue."

Serotta was in New York recently for meetings with editors of *Where Is My Home? Jews in Central Europe*, a book of 200 of his photographs that will be published in September by Carol Publishing. He kiddingly calls his book *New Jews on the Bloc*.

"It's a part of the world most people think is finished," Serotta says. "I don't. Almost everyone I spoke to wanted to maintain some sort of relationship with their religion, or come back to it for the first time in their adult lives."

The upcoming book will illustrate the reason for his optimism — a generation of young Jews with a renewed interest in Judaism. A group that meets regularly in a small Polish town to study Torah and Zionism. A circle that has taken the reins of the Czech Jewish community from leaders with too-close ties to the former regime. Young Jews throughout the region who are registering for the first time with established Jewish communal organizations or with alternative groups.

How does an outsider equipped with only a working knowledge of German meet Jews scattered across hundreds of square kilometres? "You just meet them," Serotta says. "You have to keep going. You have to stay a long time."

He spends weeks or months at a time in one site, living in hotels or with friends he's made over the years. He heads for the synagogue or Jewish community centre. He is invited into Jewish homes. The camera and notebook don't appear until Serotta senses trust. "You never point a camera" at a subject right away. "It's rude."

Serotta's images show Jews at prayer, at home, at meals. "I stay away from (formal) events," he says. "It's not Jewish life — it's how Jews are living. I just want normal life."

Serotta would load his trunk with Judaica — Hebrew books, dreidels, menorahs, mezuzahs and Jewish calendars — that he would distribute along the way. "I ran out," says Serotta, who describes himself as non-religious. He replenished his supply during his recent visit here.

Serotta says some national officials, in an effort to co-opt him before communism fell, steered him to sanctioned programs that would present their government in a favorable light. "They tried to channel me." Serotta says he resisted. At times, permission to photograph was difficult to arrange, and official translator-escorts were imposed. "I was followed by secret police when I went to certain homes . . . my hotel room was rifled.

"A lot of times I was scared," he says. "Nothing bad enough happened to dissuade me."

Then came the revolutions. The hallways and cafes where he met dissidents "became the corridors of power." He now has entree to the new governments — Serotta was the only Western photographer invited to accompany Czech President Vaclav Havel on a state visit to Israel this year.

How long will Serotta stay on the roads "between the Baltic and the Black Sea?" Indefinitely, he says. "I like these countries. I have respect for them. I don't see any reason to live my days elsewhere."

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# Features

# At no point was Israel on verge of retaliating

By
DAVID MAKOVSKY

Five-weeks into the Gulf War, it is apparent that Israel has held itself back — no less than the United States held it back — from retaliating against Iraq.

Contrary to the public impression, at no point was Israel on the verge of retaliating. There were never any votes on this subject in either of two cabinet forums. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, aided by Foreign Minister David Levy, steered a no-retaliation course throughout.

In interviews with almost a dozen Israeli and U.S. sources, one cannot say there was one overriding reason which led to the no-retaliation course, but rather there were a confluence of factors figuring in the decision.

Sources say that the restraint policy was made possible, and has held, due to the following: no major loss of life during the missile attacks; advice from the Israel Defence Force (IDF) and others about the unpredictable regional implications of such a move; a pledge by President George Bush that the United States would remove the Scud threats and provide Israel with Patriot missile for defence; and a sustained 70 per cent of public opinion polls supporting the policy of no-retaliation.

A less tangible but no less promising part of the restraint policy was the idea of the United States and Israel turning over a new leaf, and reversing the frosty ties between Bush and Shamir.

However, it must be emphasized that U.S. blandishments would have failed, and are likely to fall flat, had there been, or if there is, a chemical attack on Israel or a major loss of life.

The major decisions were made outside the inner cabinet, with the key figures being Shamir, Bush, Arens, Levy, and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

One participant in the inner cabinet said, "You have to understand the dynamic. There can be no real drama in our meetings if a prime minister, defence minister and foreign minister are united on a certain course. Perhaps it is possible - but I would say it is extremely difficult."

One Defence Ministry official pointed to the direct phone, and said a lot of calls were logged between Shamir and Arens during the early days of the crisis. Shamir also made sure that Levy was in the picture, and Arens and Levy (who did not speak to each other for the first month of Gulf crisis back in August) consulted with each other regularly by phone.

Israeli and U.S. sources say that Shamir assumed a lot of responsibility. Labor and U.S. sources are amazed that Shamir did not seek to form a "kitchen cabinet" to debate the pivotal questions, such as Golda Meir did during the Yom Kippur War. Justice Minister Dan Meridor was one of the few people Shamir consulted, besides Arens and Levy.

Shamir made his views known after the initial attacks. While allowing a dozen ministerial colleagues to speak, Shamir was silent until the end. He finally said, "I am going to surprise you. I think we should not react."

According to sources in the Prime Minister's Office, Shamir's view, shared by Arens and Levy, was shaped by a variety of factors, but reinforced in important phone calls from Bush to Shamir. While Bush assured Shamir after the first attack that the United States was out to remove the Scud launchers in western Iraq and that Patriots would be on the way to help defend Israel's skies, Shamir became only more agitated the following day as a second strike was launched at Tel Aviv Saturday morning.

Immediately after the Saturday morning attack, Bush phoned Shamir again. Shamir told Bush it was not easy not to act. Bush said he was immediately dispatching a personal envoy, Deputy Secretary of State Eagleburger, to be on hand for consultations between the two countries. "Talk to him as if you are talking to me," the president said. Eagleburger came willing to listen to Israeli ideas.

Bush stressed that Israel has every right to self-defence, and according to senior sources in the Prime Minister's Office, said he would "understand" if Israel did retaliate. However, Bush repeated the consistent theme that such a move would be a miscalculation, and would play into Saddam's hands. If the logic of retaliation is to weaken your enemy, an Israeli response would have the reverse effect, should it lead to the international coalition breaking apart.

Israel's restraint would end, Shamir wrote to Bush last week, should there be a chemical attack on Israel or a major loss of life; Israel would then have to react "immediately."

This strategy has won the overall approval of the cabinet. It was in these ministerial consultation sessions, however, that Levy played a pivotal role as the most vocal advocate of restraint. While some dismiss Levy's role in the actual decision-making as being "window dressing," Levy was certainly important in these forums.

Levy's role in the cabinet was similar to his role during the 1982 Lebanon War, consistently asking the defence officials the right questions. Sources cite Levy as pounding his fist on the table and repeatedly saying, "Only when you give me answers to A,B,C,D, then will I be ready to act. I want to know how the Jordanians will react, how the Syrians will react, how the United States will respond, and whether we can do this without them. Without these assurances I cannot consent."

Aware of Levy's strong political base inside the Likud, Shamir knew he would not have to look seriously over his right-shoulder with his policy of restraint. Last year, Levy and Sharon were allies in disrupting the peace process. Now, just as with Lebanon, they were at loggerheads with Sharon, who was calling for military action. One U.S. official even termed Sharon's view reminiscent of the "Lebanon syndrome."

Only on Jan.23, the day after the first Ramat Gan attack, did it look like Sharon's view was in the ascendancy. But, even then, ministerial sources say that the restraint policy was not endangered. As one senior official in the Prime Minister's Office put it, "you can imagine that the barometer rises after a lot of injuries."

Eagleburger, widely considered a friend of Israel since he was an aide to Henry Kissinger in the mid-1970s, played a crucial role. Government officials like his realpolitik outlook. At a meeting with Foreign Ministry officials during a visit to Israel just before the war, sources say, he hurriedly read a list of Palestinian-related concerns, which, he remarked, was prepared by the "theologians" of the State Department.

However, several Israeli officials bluntly admit that they had no illusions about Eagleburger's visit. He was sent here to do his best to prevent Israel from acting, they say. As one official quipped, "I'd say he was sent here less to hold our hand, than to stay our hand."

According to officials in the Prime Minister's Office, the most important motive for Israeli policy is the ongoing destruction inside Iraq. Jerusalem sees that that the military machine of its most frightening enemy is being demolished, and under no condition does it wants to risk complicating this objective. Only a decade ago, Israel was slapped with international reprobation for practising what may euphemistically be called "affirmative non-proliferation," by knocking out Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor. Now, these non-conventional plants are undergoing the harshest bombardment possible, on a daily basis, by the allied forces.

The existential threat to Israel's existence posed by the Iraqi military infrastructure is of overriding consideration to Jerusalem, which does not wish to jeopardize the big picture.

While air force commander Avihu Bin-Nun and others have publicly said that Israel has answers to the Scud threat and indeed the IDF presented ideas on how to cope with it, the IDF never lobbied for retaliation. To the contrary, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Dan Shomron publicly said that all IDF recommendations have been adhered to by policymakers.

The main fear of not retaliating has been to what extent does Israeli restraint weaken the country's deterrent in the eyes of Arab neighbors, after the United States leaves the region? Some in the United States say Israel is overly fixated on this issue, as for 42 years Israel has already established a fierce reputation as being militarily vigilant, and Israel does not have to prove itself every minute as the Arabs states realize that, barring the U.S. effort in Western Iraq, Israel would do the job itself.

The Israeli public realized this immediately. As one cabinet minister said and several senior Israeli officials echoed, "we have a sensible public; they sized things up immediately."

In terms of deterrent, the prevailing view of policymakers was that, should Israeli retaliation prove to be less than impressive, it might damage Israel more than just sitting still.

However, it is obvious that without the Patriots as protection and reports that the United States was having success in knocking out Scuds, albeit at a gradual pace, Israel would have retaliated.

Despite the nightmarish scenario of his Labor critics, Shamir does not wish to launch any action that could endanger Jordan. Sources cite a veteran diplomat as telling Shamir: "If you fly overhead, and the king reacts, you are entangled in a war. If he doesn't react, the Jordanian people might tear up his palace."

In addition, Israeli restraint, in the words of one Israeli senior official, may give Israel a "place at the table" when the fighting ends. Almost right up to the Jan. 15 deadline, Israel was very much in the dark about the allied war effort, and since it was not a member of the coalition, there was anxious suspicion among Israeli officials that any post-war deal would be at Israel's expense.

By failing so far to entice Israel into battle by firing Scuds, Saddam Hussein has ironically linked Israel closer to the coalition than it could ever have been otherwise.

**(JPFS)**

**Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.**

# Italian Catholics: a most unusual aliya story

By
RICHARD OESTERMANN

Donato Manduzio never got to see the Promised Land. Like Moses, he introduced his people to the Torah but died before reaching Israel.

The tale of an Italian Catholic peasant who persuaded 90 of his fellow villagers to convert to Judaism and move to the Holy Land is one of the most unusual stories of 20th-century aliya.

More than 40 years ago, the winegrowers and farmers of Sannicandro, a quiet village in southern Italy, near the Adriatic Sea, packed up and left for Israel. They settled in Biriah in the Upper Galilee. Now they and their families, numbering several hundred souls, are virtually indistinguishable from other Israelis, their Catholicism a memory kept alive only by their contacts with the villagers they left behind.

Elisha Leon, one of the original Sannicandro converts, still lives in Biriah. He says that when Manduzio first came across an Italian edition of the Bible at the end of the First World War, he did not know that the Jewish people had survived and were resettling the Holy Land. He became convinced that Judaism was the only correct code of life and that its followers would one day return to the Holy Land.

Evidently a man of some charisma, he began persuading villagers to follow Jewish law and eventually built up a sizable congregation.

In August 1947, the men were circumcised and their conversions to Judaism recognized by the Italian Jewish authorities. Planning began in earnest for the move to Palestine. But Manduzio died, aged 63, and his followers came to Israel in 1949 without him.

"We converted and came here because of Manduzio's vision that this was the right thing to do," says Leon today. "God steered us here and we have no regrets. Although we have gone our separate ways over the years, we get together often — on Sabbath and festivals. Many of us celebrate Passover together every year."

The older generation still speaks Italian and, says Leon, some of them have never really mastered Hebrew. Others, though, have not even taught their children Italian. Leon's family, like most of the 23 families who moved to Israel, still has relatives in Sannicandro and he goes back on occasional visits. "You always have sentiments for the old country," he says. "You can't break away from your roots. But we feel Israeli in every way. In sports, we'll always root for Israel when they play the Italians."

With time, all but one of the Italian families here have drifted away from agriculture. One man owns a felafel kiosk in Safed, others are in the clothing and shoe trades. Leon studied agriculture at the renowned Mikve Yisrael school outside Tel Aviv, but has since worked as a gymnastics teacher, a cultural instructor for youth and a weather forecaster, and is now a businessman.

Some of the community are very observant Jews, others more traditional, he says. On Shabbat, now and again, older members of the community get together and hold a service in the Italian Jewish tradition.

Israel today is very different from the country Leon entered 42 years ago, he says. "It was difficult for us when we came, economically. But we were united. Life was very simple, and we had peace of mind. Today, society is rotten, but the Russian immigration will give it a marvellous boost."

Yerida among Manduzio's followers was almost non-existent. Leon says that he knows of only one man who went back to Sannicandro, and he died of a heart attack shortly afterwards. "The Christians in the village," says Leon, "thought it was a punishment from God."

**(The Jerusalem Report)**

*Jesuit journal echoes Vatican line:*

# War making recognition hard

**ROME (JTA) —**

The Vatican cannot formally recognize Israel because it would compromise the Pope's impartiality in the Persian Gulf War and might endanger Christians in Arab countries, the authoritative Jesuit journal Civilta Cattolica stated in an editorial.

The journal, whose texts must be approved for publication by the Vatican Secretariat of State, cited other obstacles in the way of diplomatic ties between Israel and the Holy See.

The editorial largely repeated a four-page statement issued by the Vatican last month explaining why it did not formally recognize Israel.

The first problem, it said, was the Palestinians.

"The Holy See feels that this is a situation of international injustice which continues to hit the weakest people and cannot be accepted," the Jesuit journal said.

The second difficulty is the status of Jerusalem, which "must have a special internationally guaranteed status as a city holy for Jews, Christians and Muslims."

The third problem, according to Civilta Cattolica, was the condition of the Catholic and Christian communities and institutions in Israel and the territories it administers.

"It is evident that the Holy See desires that these difficulties be eliminated as soon as possible, or that at least on Israel's part there be a clear readiness and concrete will to initiate the process of solution, as is happening in other countries with which until now the Holy See did not have diplomatic relations," the editorial said.

Pope John Paul II

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**ROME (JTA) —**

A shade over half of the 302 priests polled in Italy, seat of the Roman Catholic Church, believe the Vatican should extend diplomatic recognition to Israel.

But 67 per cent of them would link recognition to a solution of the Palestinian problem, according to the survey conducted by the SWG agency of Trieste, published in the weekly Panorama.

While over 84 per cent of the priests denied that anti-Semitism exists in their parishes, more than half said it exists in varying degrees in Italy as a whole.

Many of the priests and parishioners quoted by Panorama expressed sympathy for Israel. But remarks of others were tinged with anti-Israel or anti-Semitic bias.

"When Israel is mixed up in things, there's always trouble," said Luisa Cravino, an elderly woman in Turin.

Carla Ghisio thought Saddam Hussein had a right to launch Scud missiles at Israel. "How else could he defend himself? Israel scares me because it is armed like America, a lot more than Iraq," she said.

The Rev. Francesco Patti in Milan said anti-Semitism is non-existent in that northern Italian metropolis.

"If I really must speak the truth, there is, rather, an opportunistic pro-Semitism, because the Jews count, they have in their hands the levers of finance," the cleric said.

Although nearly 50 per cent of those polled think Israel's treatment of the Palestinians is the most likely cause of anti-Semitism, 19.2 per cent cited the Jews' "wealth and power." Only 1.3 per cent said "the killing of Christ."

The Rev. Piero Denna explained, "Maybe there are prejudices, but not of a religious character. Italians are too indifferent to problems of religion to nourish fanaticism of that type."

# *EC rejects talks with Arafat*

**BRUSSELS (JTA) —**

The European Community, about to embark on a new diplomatic initiative in the Middle East, has ruled out official contact with Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, because of his support of Saddam Hussein.

"In light of the overtly pro-Iraqi statements Arafat made, we decided not to have official contact with Arafat," Jacques Poos, the foreign minister of Luxembourg, told a news conference there.

Poos, current chairman of the EC Council of Ministers, spoke after the 12 EC foreign ministers met in special session in Luxembourg to define an overall postwar Middle East policy.

The EC has always insisted that the PLO must participate in the regional peace process. While Poos specifically rejected Arafat, he did not exclude other representatives of the PLO from future discussions.

"It's up to the Palestinian people to designate its own representatives," he added.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said the PLO "has done itself very considerable harm under the present leadership in backing the aggression of Saddam Hussein."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat

The statement released by the ministers after their meeting made no mention of the PLO. It hinted at flexibility on the issue of an international peace conference, which the EC supports but Israel opposes.

"The Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian question are fundamental sources of instability in the region," the statement read, adding that "the international community should make renewed urgent efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting solution."

In that connection, the ministers maintained that "a properly structured international conference at an appropriate time will provide a suitable framework for negotiations."

They stressed that "such a conference will require serious preparation."

But a senior official observed that "the spirit with which the 12 member states are tackling the post-crisis situation (in the region) is not one of imposing solutions."

Diplomatic sources said that given Israel's opposition to an international conference, the EC ministers might be willing to back the idea of direct Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian talks.

The EC's Middle East initiatives are spearheaded by its so-called troika, consisting of the current chairman of the Council of Ministers, the immediate predecessor and the minister to succeed.

The chairmanship rotates every six months. Poos took over on Jan. 1 from Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis of Italy. He will be succeeded on July 1 by the Dutch foreign minister, Hans van den Broek.

The troika was scheduled to meet with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy in Luxembourg and later with the foreign ministers of Egypt and Syria.

It will meet subsequently with the ministers of the five North African states — Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania — which comprise the Union of Arab Maghreb.

That meeting will be held in Tripoli, because Libya currently chairs the union.

Also scheduled are talks with the Gulf Cooperation Council, consisting of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, all aligned with the U.S. coalition fighting Iraq.

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# World

## 50 Years Ago

*PROGRAM TO BRING 3 MILLION TO PALESTINE*

**BOSTON, Feb. 10, 1941 (JTA) —**

A program to bring to Palestine at least three million Jewish refugees in the next 20 years, proposed by Israel Moses Sieff of London, was endorsed by 800 persons attending an Emergency Conference for Palestine, held at the Hotel Statler to launch the regional campaign of the United Palestine Appeal.

New England Jews were asked to provide to the United Palestine Appeal at least 50 per cent of all funds raised locally for overseas and refugee needs. The conference urged Great Britain and Prime Minister Winston Churchill to remove the White Paper policy with its restrictions on Jewish immigration and land purchase still being adhered to by the Palestine administration.

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*U.S. VOICES SHOCK AT EXCESSES*

**NEW YORK, Feb. 16, 1941 (JTA) —**

The United States Government has expressed to the Romanian Government its "indignation and shock" over the "unspeakable outrages" of the Iron Guard last month, Secretary of State Cordell Hull revealed in a letter to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, in reply to the Congress' appeal for intercession with the Bucharest authorities. "I need hardly tell you," Secretary Hull wrote, "this Government looks with horror on atrocities of this sort and that it regards them as another manifestation of the unprecedented conditions that unfortunately now prevail in certain European countries."

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*THOUSANDS HELD IN POLISH GHETTOS*

**LONDON, Feb. 17, 1941 (JTA) —**

The Nazi authorities in Poland are intensifying the isolation of Jews in ghettos and expulsion from various areas of the occupied territory.

The Jewish community in the Warsaw ghetto was said to be making superhuman efforts, at great personal sacrifice of its members, to feed and house the hundreds of emaciated and sick coreligionists whom the Gestapo daily dumps into the ghetto. A total of 400,000 persons have been crammed into the area up to Feb. 1, according to an official census.

Although every private house and the community's premises are filled with refugees, the community spirit is described as magnificent, with everyone sharing impartially whatever food, clothing and shelter he possesses, but, the report adds, "the limits of human endeavor are nearing."

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*OUSTING OF JEWS TO BE COMPLETED*

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1941 (JTA) —**

Within four to six weeks there will be no more Jews left in Germany or Austria, except for some thousands of military age used as slave labor and those held in concentration camps, according to information received by the United States government.

With Austria virtually emptied of its pre-Anschluss Jewish population of 200,000 and with comparatively few of the pre-Hitler Reich Jewish population of 550,000 remaining, the seven-year process of ridding these territories of their Jews is nearing completion, comprising one of the greatest forced exoduses of modern times.

Germany's systematic liquidation of its Jewish population has been pushed to unprecedented lengths within the past few weeks, according to official reports reaching Washington.

Every night, night after night, sealed trains have been pouring across the border from occupied into unoccupied France, loaded with German Jews stripped of virtually all their possessions and near starvation. An almost equal number of sealed trains have been shuttled into Nazi-occupied Poland.

It was this endless dumping of refugees into unoccupied France that prompted the two recent efforts of the Vichy Government to obtain aid from the United States in resettling refugees in the Western Hemisphere. And it was because the United States realized that to accept responsibility for the refugees would be to play into Germany's hands that the French appeals were rejected.

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*ONLY STREET-CLEANERS REMAIN*

**GENEVA, Feb. 27, 1941 (JTA) .**

A special correspondent of the Berlin Boersen-Zeitung, after a tour of Nazi-occupied Poland, states that the Jews have been completely removed from Krakow except a few employed as street sweepers. Previous attempts to oust all Jews from the capital of the Polish Government-General had failed.

### Preferable to Islamic fundamentalists

# *Egypt favors PLO role in peace plans*

**JERUSALEM (JTA) —**

Despite its outspoken support of Saddam Hussein, the Palestine Liberation Organization is still recognized by Egypt as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians," according to a statement by Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid quoted in the weekly El Mussawar.

Meguid's comment means that Egypt, the only Arab country to make peace with Israel, believes the PLO should be a partner to any negotiations to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Although Egypt and the PLO have had their differences, and relations have grown still further apart as a result of the Gulf War, Yasser Arafat's organization is still preferable to the rapidly rising Islamic fundamentalist movement.

If they boycott the PLO, the Egyptians could face the same radicals responsible for the murder of Anwar Sadat.

Even as Meguid spoke, Egyptian students demonstrated at Ein Shams University in Cairo against the Persian Gulf War, in which Egyptian troops are part of the U.S.-led coalition fighting Iraq.

Egypt's political attitudes are affected by popular sentiment in the Arab world.

Dr. Moshe Maoz, a Hebrew University expert on Middle Eastern affairs, wrote in Yediot Achronot about his impressions after talks with Egyptians in Cairo.

Maoz said he sensed a "tremendous anti-imperialist rage in the Arab world." The Arabs see Western imperialism returning to the region by way of Saudi Arabia, once again to take over its oil resources, humiliate the Arabs and liquidate Saddam Hussein, whom they see as a latter-day Saladin.

According to Maoz, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad will have to adopt more radical positions in the postwar period to prove they are no less loyal Arabs than Saddam.

Israeli policy-makers, therefore, are concerned that the latest Egyptian overture toward the PLO could be part of a new radical line, which would eventually insist on an international conference on the Palestine question and the future of the Golan Heights.

Israel, meanwhile, has devoted very little thought to the future political design of the Middle East. The Likud government, in fact, is split between taking the initiative and doing nothing.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir seems to represent the majority view that there is no sense promoting a peace process before the Gulf War is over.

But Foreign Minister David Levy warned the Knesset that a do-nothing policy would harm Israel diplomatically.

Levy has been urging a renewed Israeli peace offensive. But its target is uncertain. It will not be the PLO, which Levy believes "will leave the stage" anyway, or the Muslim fundamentalist Hamas movement.

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Levy's idea of a new order in the Middle East is "direct talks with good will and without preconditions" between Israel and the Arab states and simultaneous talks with Palestinians in the territories.

But the foreign minister is vague about who his partners would be.

He would be willing, he says, to talk "with any resident of the territories" who accepts Israel's peace initiative "even if it means sitting down with the same Palestinians" who cheered when Iraqi Scud missiles fell on Israel.

# British MP seeking closure of PLO office

**LONDON (JTA) —**

A Conservative member of Parliament said he would continue to urge the closure of the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in London despite a rebuff from Home Secretary Kenneth Baker.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former government minister, said he has complained a number of times on behalf of constituents who object to the PLO's presence in Kensington.

Most recently, he wrote Baker about the fears expressed by a woman that the PLO poses an immediate security threat since it has aligned itself with Iraq.

Rhodes told a rally held recently at the Finchley Synagogue to show solidarity with Israel that the home secretary said the PLO "enjoys no official status, privilege or immunities, but is free, like any other organization, to set up an office in this country as long as it operates within the law."

However, Rhodes reported, the home secretary made clear that if a member of the PLO staff engaged in criminal activity, he would inform the police and would use his powers under the Immigration Act "if there are good grounds for believing that individuals working at the PLO office may constitute a threat to national security."


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# Haman central focus of holiday's traditions

By
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Purim, perhaps the jolliest of all Jewish holidays, with great emphasis on food, merriment, and all kinds of festivities, begins this year on the evening of February 27.

Haman is the focus of many of the traditions surrounding this occasion. In the synagogue, for instance, when the *megilla* (scroll) of Esther is being read, people twirl noisemakers called *graggers* every time Haman's name is mentioned. In the kitchen, *hamantaschen*, cookies made in the shape of Haman's three-cornered hat, are prepared.

In the Netherlands, some Jewish homemakers prepare gingerbread men and top them with Haman's three-cornered hat.

Other traditions surround this joyous celebration of deliverance. One is to eat seeds, dried fruits, and nuts because these were the mainstay of Esther's diet in Ahasuerus's court where she could not eat the meat.

The duty of giving *shalach monos*, food gifts, is another important part of the observance. The gifts should be immediately edible treats of two kinds: prepared, such as cookies and cakes, and immediately edible food like fruits, such as apricots, prunes, other dried fruits, oranges, and pomegranates.

**NO-CHOLESTEROL HAMANTASCHEN**

¾ cups egg substitute (equal to 3 eggs)
1 cup sugar
½ cup canola oil
½ cup orange juice
4½ cups flour
¼ tsp. baking soda
3 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt

Prune Filling

In a large mixing bowl, beat the egg sustitute, adding the sugar as you beat. Continue beating, adding the oil and orange juice.

In another bowl, combine the dry ingredients, mixing well. Add these to the beaten egg mixture. The dough will be a little sticky, but don't add too much flour in rolling or the cookies will come out hard.

On a lightly floured pastry board, roll part of the dough to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut with a 3-inch round cutter. Fill with about 1 teaspoon of prune filling. Shape Haman's hat by folding each of the three sides of the circle into the centre.

Repeat with remaining dough, always using the scraps of what was just rolled with the next batch of fresh dough. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

Per cookie (including filling): 74 cal.; 1.3 g. prot.; 12.9 g. carbo.; 2.1 g. fat; 0 mg. chol.

**Prune Filling:**

1¼ cup pitted prunes
½ cup seedless raisins
Water or sweet wine to cover
½ cup chopped almonds
Juice and grated peel of 1 lemon
½ cup sugar

Soak prunes and raisins in water (or wine) for 2-3 hours or overnight. Drain well. Place all ingredients (except drained liquid) in food processor. Process thoroughly. Makes 3 cups.

**NO-CHOLESTEROL GINGERBREAD HAMANS**

2 tbsp. canola oil
½ cup brown sugar
¾ cup molasses
Water
1 tsp. baking soda
3½ cups flour
½ tsp. allspice
½ tsp. ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
Decorator frosting
Glace cherries, raisins, etc. for decoration

In a mixing bowl, combine the oil, brown sugar and molasses. Add ¼ cup water and mix until smooth. In a small bowl, dissolve the baking soda in 2 tablespoons water. Add this to the sugar mixture.

Combine the flour and spices and add to the sugar mixture. Dough will be very stiff. Do not add extra water. Cover and chill for one hour (optional).

On a lightly floured pastry cloth, roll one-quarter of the dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Use a gingerbread man cutter to make the Hamans. Collect the scraps and add them to some of the unrolled dough. Roll that dough out and cut out more Hamans.

Continue this process until all the dough is used up. Save some of the last scraps. Use them to cut out small triangles for hats. Attach the hats to the heads of the gingerbreadmen with a little water.

Bake on an ungreased baking sheet at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Remove from the pans at once. Cool and frost with decorator frosting. Makes 60 4-inch cookies.

Per cookie (including frosting): 53 cal.; .8 g. prot.; 11.2 g. carbo.; .5 g. fat; 0 mg. chol.

**Decorator Frosting**

2 egg whites (at room temperature)
Dash salt
½ tsp. kosher cream of tartar
½ tsp. vanilla
2 cups confectioner's sugar
Food coloring

At high speed, beat egg whites, salt, and cream of tartar in small bowl of electric mixer until stiff peaks form. Add vanilla. At low speed, gradually stir in enough confectioner's sugar to make frosting thick enough for use.

Divide frosting in half. Cover one-half with plastic wrap to keep it from forming a crust. Divide the rest into 3 small bowls. Add red, green, and blue food coloring. Cover them with plastic wrap until ready to use.

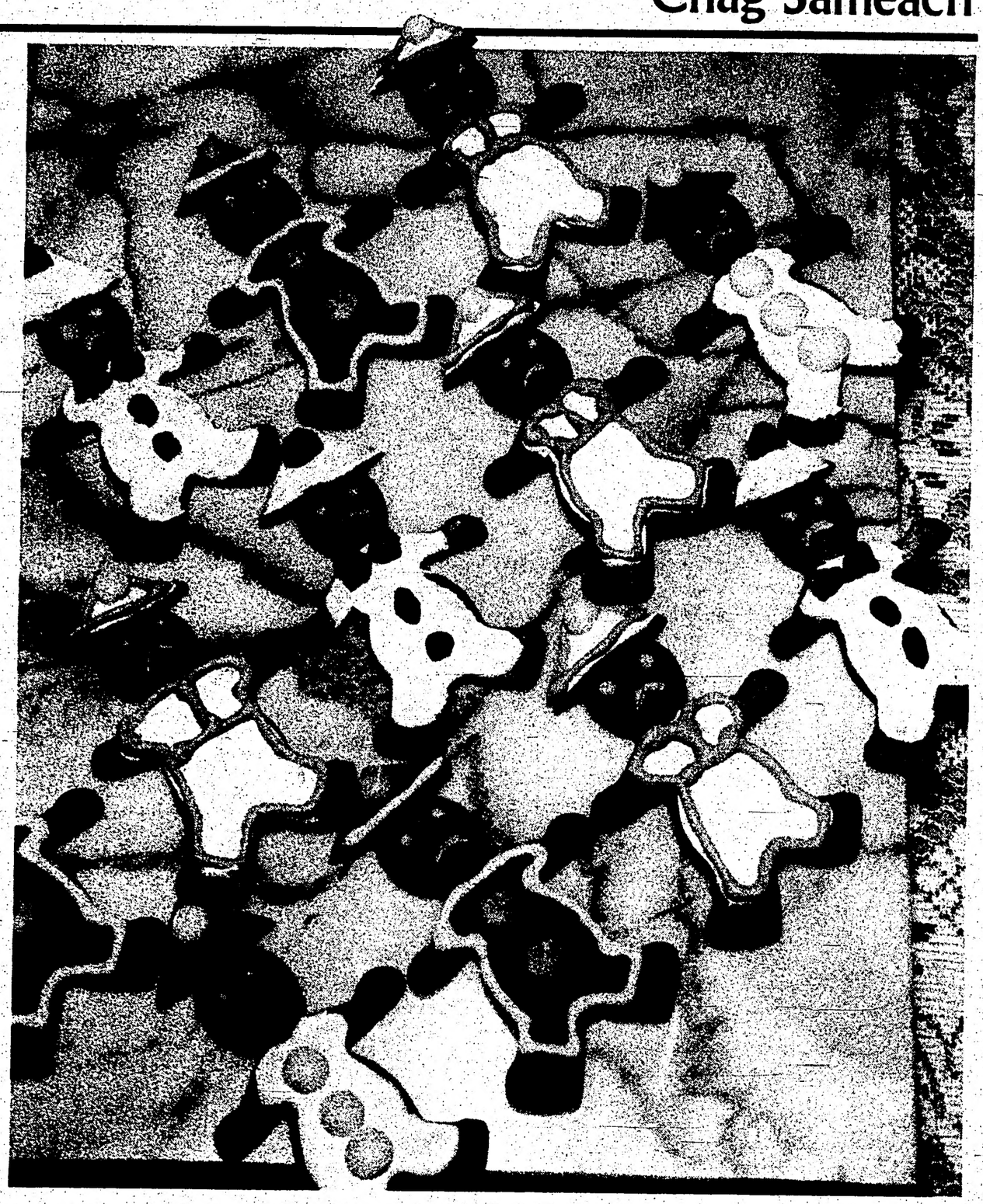
To decorate, apply white frosting with a spatula. Press cherries, raisins, etc. into the wet frosting. Or, let the white dry a little and then decorate with some of the colored frostings. Use a paintbrush or pastry tube to apply. Store extra frosting in the refrigerator, covered.

**MIDDLE EASTERN DRIED FRUIT SALAD**

1 lb. dried apricots
½ lb. prunes
¼ lb. raisins
¼ lb. blanched sliced almonds
Sugar to taste

Place all the fruits in a large bowl. Add the nuts and cover with water. Add sugar to taste, starting with ⅓ cup. Cover with plastic wrap and let the fruits soak for at least 48 hours. If for a gift or shalach manos, spoon into gift jars and share immediately. Keep refrigerated. Makes 8 cups.

Per tablespoon: 21 cal.; .38 g. prot.; 4.68 g. carbo.; 49 g. fat; 0 mg. chol.



Gingerbread Hamans — a Netherlands delicacy. [Bill Aron photo]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# Chag Sameach

## Megillah read on holiday

# *Fasting, charity and feasts part of Purim festival*

By
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The Festival of Purim is a rabbinic holiday established by the sages at the request of Queen Esther. As everything is hinted in the Torah, the sages considered the verse in Exodus 17:14 "Write this for a memorial in a book . . ." as the Biblical allusion to Purim. (Talmud Megillah, 7a.) What follows are 10 of the essential laws and customs pertaining to Halachic Purim observance. Since each has been treated minimally due to space constraints, sources are provided for further study.

**Parshas Zachor:** There is a positive Biblical commandment to remember, and a negative commandment not to forget, the evil that Amalek perpetrated against the Jewish people as they left Egypt. (See Exodus 17:8-13; Deuteronomy 25:17-19.) Since Haman was a descendant of Amalek, it is mandatory for all Jews to hear this portion from the Torah scroll in the synagogue on the Shabbos preceding Purim. One who was unable to do so may fulfil this mitzvah by listening to the Torah reading on the day of Purim. (Shulchan Aruch O.C. 685:2; Magen Avraham.)

**Taanis Esther:** One is obligated to fast on the 13th of Adar, the day preceding Purim, to commemorate the fast of the Jewish people in preparation for their battle with Haman and to commemorate the public fast declared by Esther as recorded in the Megillah (4:16). This fast may be treated more leniently by the sick or by pregnant women. (S.A. 686:2; Remoh; Commentaries; Sheiltos).

**Machatsis HaShekel:** It is customary to donate charity on Taanis Esther based on the thrice mentioned terumah contribution of half a shekel (Exodus 30:13).

This recalls the contribution that was made during Adar towards the public sacrifices in the Temple. It also reminds us that it was the merit of the shekalim donated by the Jews that fended off the decree of Haman.

Our contribution should equal three half Canadian dollars per adult family member. (See Talmud Megillah 13b; Mordechai; Remoh O.C. 694:1.)

**(V)'Al HaNissim:** One must remember to add the special paragraph (V)'Al HaNissim . . (And for the miracles . . .) in both the three Shemoneh Esrei Amidah prayers of Purim and in the recitation of the Birkas HaMazon (the Grace after Meals). One who forgot to do so, however, need not repeat either of the above. (O.C. 693:2; 695:3.)

**Megillah Reading:** One is obligated to listen twice to the reading of the Megillah (the scroll of Esther), once on the night of Purim, once on Purim day.

One should be careful to hear every word. Therefore, although the custom is to make noise at the mention of Haman's name, decorum should be kept to a maximum and children should be trained and urged to contain their gragger enthusiasm. (See Talmud Megillah 4a; Mishnah Berurah 689:18.)

**Torah Reading:** The reading of the Megillah on Purim day is to be preceded by the special Torah reading of Exodus 17:8-16, which recounts Amalek's attack on the Jewish people. (Mishnah Megillah 3:6; O.C. 693:4.)

**Mishloach Manos:** The Megillah itself (9:22) records the mitzvah of sending gifts of food to friends on Purim. The minimum requirement is to send one gift of at least two kinds of food to one person, although it is praiseworthy to send to more than one friend. This should be done on Purim day. It is customary to have another person deliver the package. (See O.C. 695:4.)

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**Matonos L'Evyonim:** On Purim, it is a great mitzvah to contribute charity to the poor and needy. The very minimum requirement is to give a donation or present of food to at least two poor people. However, the more one gives the more praiseworthy he is.

One should preferably spend more money on this charity rather than sending extra mishloach manos packages or spending more money to make a very lavish Purim feast. (O.C. 694:1-4; Mishnah Berurah, 2-3.)

**Seudas Purim:** In keeping with the mandate of the Megillah (9:22) that "They should make them days of feasting and gladness . . ." it is a mitzvah to have special Purim feasts.

It is customary for the main feast to take place after the Mincha service and before sundown on the day of Purim and to extend it into the night of Shushan Purim (15th of Adar).

At the table it is appropriate to sing songs of praise to God for the miracles He wrought at that time and in our days and to discuss the miraculous events of Jewish history. (O.C. 695:1; Remoh 695:2; Seder HaYom.)

**Drinking Wine & Spirits:** Similarly, it is customary for one to imbibe more wine or spirits than usual. A casual glance at the Megillah reveals the obvious and vital role that wine played in the unfurling of the miraculous events of Purim.

Precaution must be taken, however, that one's drinking reflect the character of a mitzvah and sanctity, rejoicing in God's miracles. If should not lead to dangerous drunkeness which turn the festivities from joy to profligacy.

Never, never, should one drink and drive. This would contravene the mitzvah of safeguarding one's life (Deuteronomy 4:15). (See O.C. 595:2; Biur Halacha; Tzror Ha-Chayim; Or Gedaliah, Purim p.47.)

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# Jewish woman's memoir reveals life 300 years ago

By
**ROSE KLEINER**

This past year marked the 300th anniversary of a remarkable book by Gluckel of Hameln, a Jewish women who lived in 17th-century Germany. The seven-part volume is the only example available of a pre-modern Yiddish memoir by a woman.

Gluckel of Hameln began her memoir in 1690, as a form of therapy, to help cope with her grief. She had been recently widowed, at age 44, and left with 12 children, eight of whom were still quite young.

Her journal, although written for her children, is a treasury of information and insight into the heart of this Jewish businesswoman and mother, and into the culture and community from which she came. The memoir speaks with dignity, pride and humor.

Gluckel was born into a prominent family in 1646, in Hamburg, Germany. Her father, a pious Jew, and successful businessman, had been *parnas* (president) of his community. He gave all his children, the girls and the boys, both a religious and secular education.

Gluckel was betrothed at age 12, and married at 14, to Chaim Hameln, who was a student of Torah and a gifted businessman. She was involved in the business from the start, and as her family grew, she continued to do her share in the business as well.

By the time she was 25, she relates, her husband took advice from no one else, and did nothing without them talking it over together.

When he was dying, he was asked whether he had any last wishes, and he replied, "None, my wife knows everything. She shall do as she has always done."

After her husband's death Gluckel continued to run her own factory, and to engage in various business undertakings. Yet she never pursued wealth for its own sake.

She counsels her children to "put aside a fixed time for the study of Torah. . . . Then diligently go about your business, for providing . . . a decent livelihood is likewise a mitzvah."

Orginally written in Judeo-German, Gluckel's memoir, entitled *Zikhroynes*, (Reminiscences) was not published until 1896 — almost 200 years after it was written. It was first translated into English in 1932. Since its publication it has become an invaluable source for scholars and students of the literature of 17th-century Germany.

Gluckel had a gift for storytelling, and an eye for detail. Her language is rich with words and phrases, prayers and quotes, from the Bible and Talmud. As Robert Rosen writes, in the introduction to the 1932 English translation, hers is not the story of one woman, or family, but of a whole era.

She recalls the appearance of the messianic pretender, Shabtai Zvi.

Her own pious father-in-law was taken in by the promise of a messianic redemption. He prepared for it by selling off his possessions, because he expected to sail for the Holy Land any day. For three years he continued to wait for the signal to depart.

Gluckel, who took great pride in her family origins, expended much energy on finding the appropriate match for her children. As with her business connections, this brought her in touch with many Jewish communities in Germany, France, Poland, Austria, Denmark, and Holland. She had contacts in, or visited, Vienna, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Frankfort, Berlin and many other great cities of her time.

A product of its time, Gluckel's memoir echoes the Jewish literature of the period. As Robert Rosen has pointed out, the memoir reflects such works as the *techinot* (devotional prayers), *musar* (works on ethics), the *Maaseh Bukh* (story book of moral tales), and the Talmud. The influence of the Tsenah Urenah, a Yiddish Bible paraphrase still in use today, is also evident.

The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln was reprinted in English by Schocken Books, and is available, among other places, in York and University of Toronto libraries and at Jewish bookstores.


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# Amalek-Haman-Saddamalek

By
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Rabbinical Reflections

Jews turn to traditional texts to help in the understanding of momentous events in the present. Thus, the current emigration of Soviet Jews becomes identified with the mystique of the ancient Exodus, therefore, Project Exodus.

The Gulf Crisis raises the same desire to seek reflections in our Biblical past. Where should we locate Saddam Hussein among the tyrants and oppressors in our history?

It is said that Saddam himself identifies with Nebukhadnezzar, the Babylonian king who destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BCE; hence, the popularity of readings of Jeremiah, chapters 50-51, at the beginning of the outbreak of the Gulf War. These chapters tell of the destruction of Babylon in a way that is frighteningly close to the events of our day.

Or, maybe it is Pharaoh that offers a model for Saddam. After all, it was Pharaoh's unusual stubbornness that brought destruction to his people. Saddam's persistent refusal to heed the United Nations resolutions to "Let Kuwait go" is now bringing terrible devastation upon Iraq.

In the mood of the Purim season, it is also instructive to look at another possibility: Amalek, the ancient people that attacked our ancestors as they departed from Egypt and from whom Haman descended. Amalek has always represented the supreme antagonist of the Jewish nation, whose evil is of a special type and against whom the Bible declares that a perpetual war exists.

Who is Amalek today, since the original nation has ceased to exist? How do we identify those who are considered to bear this identity? Why is the Torah so severe about this group to the extent that an eternal war exists against them?

Amalek has as its purpose the blocking of Israel's march through history to its special destiny, that of being a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. It attacks Israel en route to Sinai, where it will receive its commission to introduce holiness into the world. This is the characteristic of Amalek; it is *lo yareh elohim*, opposed to any morality which will restrict its actions. Amalek would like to be free to pursue any action it deems necessary without regard for issues of holiness, justice or morality.

Jewish tradition says that Amalek cruelly cut off the sign of circumcision and threw it towards the heavens. Saddam Hussein seems to make sure missiles are launched against Israel on the Sabbath, even when he has trouble delivering them during the rest of the week.

Amalek is the ultimate antagonist to the mission of Israel to be a light to the nations. Amalek wants the world to remain free of that light. It resists God's plan for the world. Interestingly, Hitler is reported to have said that when he destroyed the Jewish people he would have destroyed the power of conscience in the world.

Amalek utilizes a unique method in pursuit of its goal. It attacks from the rear, its primary target being the weak and infirm, the stragglers. It avoids a frontal attack that would be part of a military action, striking instead the innocent and defenceless, in a contemptuous gesture to demoralize and discomfort. All Israel is its target — it seeks not military defeat, but annihilation. Therefore, not only the armed forces, but all Israel, must participate in the fight. This was represented by Moses holding his hands aloft during the entire battle, to show the commitment of the entire people.

The choice of method is sometimes fortunate for those who would defeat Amalek. So absorbed is Amalek in its destructive attempts against Israel that it uses resources that could be better saved for genuine military encounters. Even when the tide of the Second World War turned against Nazi Germany, Hitler continued to give the priority of transportation, materiel and personnel to the war against the Jews rather than in defence of his own people and country.

The victim of Amalek's attacks is Israel, and always Israel. Totally irrational accusations are made against us, in order to arouse the world to hate us. These accusations tend to delegitimize our existence, for they portray us as depraved, immoral, unreliable and unworthy of respect. Amalek portrays itself as the champion of justice and right, masking its own contempt for human values.

All of these considerations help us to identify the specific person or group which embodies the characteristics of Amalek at any time. Throughout the centuries we have had to face many such enemies. In recent times, Hitler's Nazi Germany certainly fit the Amalek prototype. The unprovoked enmity of modern Iraq towards the state of Israel and the gratuitous shooting of missiles into civilian settlements in Tel Aviv are typical Amalekite actions.

Saddam Hussein — Saddamalek — continues the ignoble traditions of his infamous antecedents and will be remembered in history as such.

After defeating another brutal enemy, the prophet Deborah concluded her victory and thanksgiving song as follows: "so may all your enemies perish, O Lord. But your lovers will be as glorious as the sun in its fullness." To which the Book of Judges concludes: "and the land was quiet for 40 years."

We, too, pray in this manner. After Saddam's defeat may there be an era of peace for 40 years or longer.

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# *Rabbis debate morality of war*

NEW YORK (JTA) —

As war casualties mount in the Persian Gulf, religious leaders continue to debate the morality of the conflict.

While some religions consider war inherently immoral, the Jewish theological position is that war is justified and even mandatory in certain circumstances, say scholars of Jewish law.

"War ipso facto is not essentially immoral," said Rabbi Leonard Kravitz, professor of Midrash and homiletics at Hebrew Union College, the Reform movement's rabbinic seminary, and a former army chaplain.

"Judaism is a pacific tradition. We look at peace as the best thing," he said. "We pray for peace. We greet each other with peace. But the world is unredeemed.

"Mashiach (the Messiah) hasn't come. The world where nations don't learn war any more hasn't happened yet. Where evil still exists, what does the individual do? War is sometimes necessary in an unredeemed world."

After the destruction of the Second Temple, rabbinic exegesis recognized three categories of war: *milchemet reshut* (permissible war), *milchemet chovah* (obligatory war) and *milchemet mitzvah* (commanded war). Ironically, these laws were codified during a time when Jews were under Roman rule and not able to make decisions of state.

The first rabbinic category, reshut, is understood as "optional war," a war initiated to conquer territory, for example some of the wars undertaken during the era of Jewish kings.

There are several legal requirements before beginning milchemet reshut, including obtaining the approval of the Sanhedrin, which cannot be fulfilled in the modern era.

Milchemet chovah, according to Kravitz, is war "to enhance the land or to expand the land."

Rabbi Arthur Green, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, defines it differently. Milchemet chovah, he said, is "something you are obliged to do to save the life of your society when its existence is threatened."

Milchemet mitzvah, according to Green, means war that is commanded by Scripture. That definition is "limited to wars of conquest in the time of Joshua, to rid the land of the seven Canaanite nations, and war for the destruction of Amalek.

"Since the Talmud says that the Canaanite nations no longer exist in recognizable form, there is no longer any reason for milchemet mitzvah," Green said.

Other Jewish authorities disagree, defining milchemet mitzvah as war of self-defence, the one legitimate reason for war in the modern era.

"The only type of war permissible in this historical epoch is a defensive war," said Rabbi David Bleich, rosh yeshiva of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) at Yeshiva University.

This war is not only permitted, but is Halachically required, said Bleich and other scholars.

Unlike milchemet reshut, divine approval is not required in cases of self defence, say these rabbis, nor is anyone exempt from the effort.

Deuteronomy lists several reasons why soldiers may be exempted from fighting in a required war: if a soldier has built a house he has not yet dedicated, if he has not yet harvested his crops, if he is newly married or even if he is afraid.

But in the case of milchemet mitzvah, said Kravitz, "even a chassan (groom) from under the (wedding) chuppah goes."

And while every attempt to avoid war is supposed to be made, there are circumstances where negotiation is not required, according to some authorities.

"When you're dealing with an act of aggression, you're not obligated to negotiate. You're permitted to strike," according to Bleich.

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# Organizations and People

## *Recession, immigration policies causing anti-Semitism: Mock*

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
Anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise in Canada, according to the national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

Releasing figures from the League's audit for the year 1990, Dr. Karen Mock said that 210 separate incidents of anti-Semitism in Canada were documented last year, an increase of 19 per cent over the previous year and double the rate of four years ago.

"What worries us more than the actual numbers is the severity of the incidents over the last couple of years," said Mock, who spoke before an audience at the National Council of Jewish Women building on Bathurst Street.

Mock linked the upturn of overt anti-Semitism to greater international unrest as well as to a palpable mood of dissatisfaction among Canadians towards the recession, immigration policies and other factors.

"There are, among us, people who feel themselves to be disenfranchised, people who want to keep Canada white," she said.

Although the League's audit covered 1990, B'nai Brith also tallied anti-Semitism incidents that occurred in the three weeks following the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War on Jan. 17.

"We documented 35 discrete reports of anti-Semitism in the Toronto area alone" during that period, said Mock, describing it as "a dramatic increase."

Although a Jewish day school may have received some 60 bomb threats over the course of several weeks, that would have counted as only one incident, said Mock, in explaining her use of the word 'discrete.'

Regarding the rash of anti-Semitic graffiti that appeared outside numerous Jewish institutions in North York after the outbreak of war, Mock said that even though the painted slogans were pro-PLO, no evidence had surfaced to suggest who was responsible.

"We're not saying that they were necessarily caused by pro-Palestinian and pro-Arab factions," she said. "We assume it was the same person or group of individuals, people who use the excuse of international unrest to perpetuate the anti-Semitism that they may have had for a long time."

A former teacher who is also the current national chairman of the multicultural advisory committee to the secretary of state, Mock recounted that there have been two ugly racist rallies in Ontario in each of the last two summers, both on the Dominion Day weekend.

About 100 neo-Nazi white supremacists participated in the first one near Minden, while about 250 took part in the second in Metcalfe, near Ottawa. "July the first will never be the same for me," she commented.

Mock was in Calgary last September as news emerged of another neo-Nazi, white supremacist rally in Provost, Alta., at which participants burned a cross and chanted "Death to the Jews!" At the time, she recalled, the newspapers were also filled with news of the Mohawk barricades at a bridge near Oka, Que.

"I was struck by the juxtaposition of these events," she said. "Because a bridge was blocked and there was a public inconvenience, the police were out, surrounding Oka.

"Meanwhile, in Provost, a whole gang was advocating genocide, and I was told by the RCMP, 'They're really not breaking the law, we don't want a visible show of force.' "

Mock seemed equally disturbed by an intellectual attitude she has encountered among educated people, "that racism is an offspring of oppression, and so because the Jews have wealth and power, anti-Semitism is not racism.

The reasoning is that the Jews can look after themselves, that we're part of the problem, not part of the solution." According to Mock, this suggests that "underlying anti-Semitic attitudes" may exist in some people who visibly oppose racism of other sorts.

The B'nai Brith is currently producing a "generic version" of its manual, Guidelines for Community Action: Responding to anti-Semitism, Mock said. Recently, upon learning that some Muslims in Toronto had been subject to harassment and vandalism, Mock arranged a meeting with members of the Muslim community and gave them copies of the manual.

"We said, 'Here's a manual for community security. Just strike out the word synagogue wherever it appears, and replace it with the word mosque.' "

Despite the rise in anti-Semitism documented by the League, Mock, attempting to put the statistics in a historical context, remarked that "the Jews don't have it that bad at this moment in time in Canada."

## Plaut to be feted by BGU Associates

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut will be honored April 24 by the Toronto branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University at a tribute dinner at the Inn on the Park. Dr. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and the first woman to serve in that office, will be the guest speaker.

Rabbi Plaut, Senior Scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, Canadian Jewish News columnist, educator and author, and human rights activist, is being recognized for a lifetime of service to mankind. He will be presented with the coveted Ben-Gurion Negev Award by BGU president Dr. Avishay Braverman.

Proceeds from the dinner will establish the Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut Chair, the first academic chair in Israel for a newly immigrated scientist.

The future incumbent, Prof. Golenko-Ginzburg, emigrated from the Soviet Union to Israel in October, 1985, after being in refusal for seven years (denial of permission to leave the Soviet Union accompanied by the loss of his professional position). He resumed his life's work with BGU's Department of Industrial Engineering specializing in production planning and control, simulation and project management.

Funds will also support the absorption of 1,000 new immigrant students at BGU.

Aly Larson, president of the Toronto Associates, announced that Martin Offman, president of the Art Shoppe, is the chairman of the event. Other tribute committee members include past presidents Dr. Walter Unger, Sidney Chelsky, Ronald Oelbaum and national president Rabbi Jordan Pearlson.

The arrangements committee is headed by Valerie Fine, Penny Offman and their daughters, Joanne Fine Schwebel and Cathryn Walderman.

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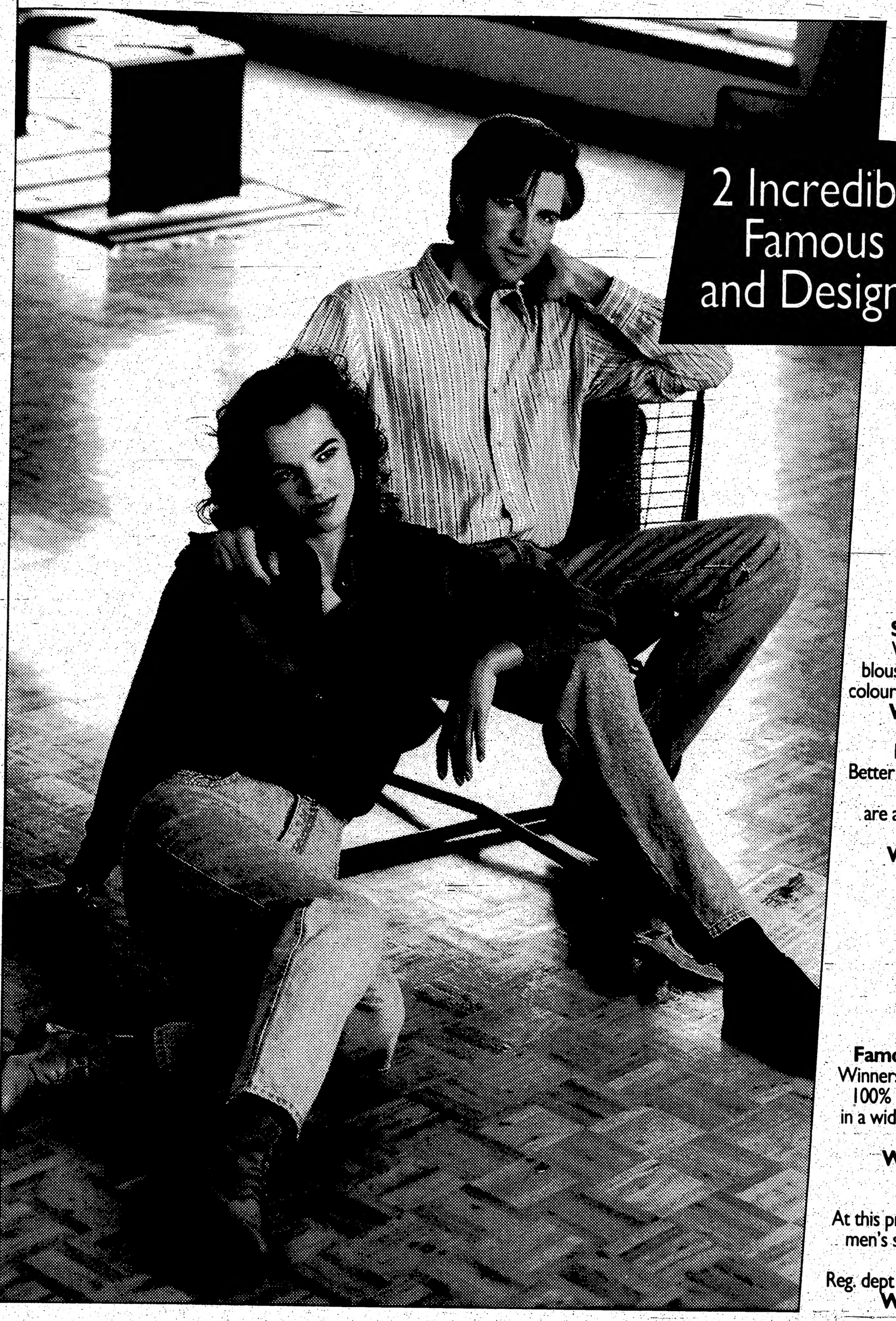

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# Organizations and People

## *Declarations by Arab leaders must be taken seriously: Abileah*

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Perhaps "Israel should conduct a little course for world leaders on how to read Arab statements!"

The suggestion came with a smile from Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah, keynote speaker at a breakfast meeting on Israel and the Gulf War, held Feb. 17 at Adas Israel Synagogue, and sponsored jointly by the Adas Israel Men's Club, Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO and the Hamilton Supporters of Israel.

But Abileah was serious when he told the large gathering that "much care has to be taken in reading Arab statements."

He cautioned against the intricacies of "the very rich" Arabic language and warned that statements by Arab leaders should not be taken as mere rhetoric.

"This has been our problem all along," he said, adding that perhaps now that the whole world has to deal with "the likes of Saddam Hussein and Yasser Arafat," it will begin to understand the "causes of Israel's apprehension" and also learn "why Israel sometimes views with great suspicion Arab declarations that are seen by everybody as progress."

Abileah reiterated that the Palestinian problem "is not the core of instability in the Middle East," and also said that Israel did the right thing in keeping a low profile in the current conflict.

He reminded the gathering that besides being "engaged on four fronts," — the Scud missiles, the Lebanese border, the Jordanian border and in the territories — Israel is also facing "a fifth front" of "slanderous propaganda," especially "the lies being fabricated" about the hardships Palestinians are suffering under current emergency rules.

"It is not true that they lost their crops because they were not allowed to go out into their fields," said Abileah. Food is available, hospital staff can go to work and all stories of lost incomes and curtailing of services "are pure propaganda."

The effects of the war "have been equal" on Israelis and Palestinians "but that does not stop them from taking advantage of everything possible for continued slanderous propaganda purposes" and abuse still goes on "to damage Israel's now improved public relations and to maintain their lies."

### Changes needed

If there is to be "serious talk about a true peace" in the Middle East, there must be changes, including, suggested Abileah, "some progress towards democratization."

Arab countries still formally in a state of war with Israel must be told that this can no longer be tolerated and that they must show their willingness to participate in the peace process by first demonstrating their willingness to negotiate face-to-face.

Although Arab countries participate in international forums such as the United Nations, they leave the hall every time an Israeli gets up to speak. Arabs "cannot sit on an international peace conference without recognizing Israel," declared Abileah.

"The world must understand," he continued, "that Israel cannot come to an international forum in which [the Arabs] hope that the rest of the world will gang up against Israel."

There was prolonged applause when B'nai Brith Canada executive vice-president Frank Dimant called on the Canadian government and opposition parties to "break ties with the PLO now.

"There is no justification for Canada today to maintain its link with a terrorist organization which is at war with our country," Dimant said.

William Kempling, MP, PC Halton, read a message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, expressing outrage over the unprovoked attacks on Israel and its civilian population, and giving assurances that Canada will always remain a strong friend of Israel.

And Stan Keyes, MP, Lib. West Hamilton, stated that "Israel is worthy of great admiration for its decision not to retaliate." He expressed his party's support for a "safe and secure" Israel, as well as the hope that "Israel will be treated fairly" by the UN in future peace negotiations.

Mayor Bob Morrow remarked that the city of Hamilton refused to support a call for the withdrawal of Canadian troops from the Gulf and instead, not only passed a resolution supporting the troops, but publicly demonstrated its support by tying two yellow ribbon wreaths outside city hall.

He further related that the mayor's race relations committee, which has Jewish as well as Arab members, "unanimously passed motions that Jewish places of worship, and cemeteries" should receive protection from possible attacks by fringe groups.

Jewish members of the committee, added the mayor, supported a similar motion to protect Arab Canadians.

## Two day celebration set for Yom Ha'atzmaut

TORONTO —
For the first time ever, the Toronto community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration will be a two-day affair.

This celebration of Israel's 43rd Independence Day, organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation (Central Region), together with B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Community Centre and Toronto Jewish Congress, as well as numerous sponsoring organizations, will be held on April 17 and 18.

All synagogues and organizations in Toronto have been invited to participate in one celebration.

The evening will begin with a Yom Hazikaron service at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Place, at 6:30 p.m. on April 17.

This will immediately be followed by an evening of Israeli song and festivities, presented by the renowned Israeli group, Hakol Over Habibi at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Activities the following day will start at noon at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., with a flag-raising ceremony, to be followed by Israeli food, a giant quiz, folk dancing, choral singing, a children's art exposition, a senior's luncheon, a book fair and more.

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*Should try to cope with situation: JF & CS*

# Parents said not to blame for children's intermarriage

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Jewish parents need not feel like failures if their children marry out of the faith says a social worker with Jewish Family & Child Service.

"We can do everything possible to ensure our children and grandchildren get the best Jewish education and camp experience and we can live in kosher, observant households, yet, sometimes chemistry does its own thing," Beth Feffer told a recent breakfast meeting of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood.

She said that intermarriage is a painful and difficult subject and, "I hope that our families will not have to live with the issue but I also hope that should this problem exist we would choose to cope with it in the best way we can."

Feffer stressed that families need not think they have been negligent in teaching role models if their children choose to intermarry. "Intermarriage comes from the whole spectrum of Judaism. Parents must not feel at all guilty."

She noted that intermarriage is on the increase. "At the present in Canada 25 per cent of Jews marry non-Jews. That means that in our country alone, one quarter of the relationships that come to marriage may end in mixed marriages."

She added that in the United States, the number may be as high as 40 per cent.

"With figures such as these we cannot afford the luxury of pretending it is not happening. It is not enough to bring our children to shul but you must also attend yourself. No-one can predict what the future will hold but we can do our work in the present."

She said that each family that experiences intermarriage reacts to it differently. "I know some families who sit shiva over their child and others who despair and anguish but in the end choose to accept the couple. I also know many families who have been able to resolve the issue."

Feffer has run a group at Jewish Family and Child Service that tried to help interfaith couples "recognize the Jewish piece of themselves and discover how significant it is to them. We did not tell them that intermarriages are bad."

She told that group that "what we do know is that if there is a child from an intermarriage the parents must take a stance as to what religion that child will practise. Children with no unified sense of religion grow up confused. It is helpful to guide these couples into determining what religion their children will follow."

She added that children are not able to decide for themselves which religion they want to practise. "It is extremely important to decide whether there is going to be Easter or Passover, Christmas or Chanukah in their home."

Feffer noted however that this does not mean that the child cannot go to other people's homes and celebrate another religious holiday. "As long as he knows what is celebrated in his own home he experiences a sense of unity."

She said that there is a lot of conflict when a couple decides to intermarry. "It is important to let the child know that you disapprove, but it is also important to share, talk and feel with your child. There has to come a point when the family recognizes that the couple is for real."

Feffer said that the best we can do is try and raise the consciousness of our children and always remember the Holocaust. "The Holocaust serves as a reminder that survival is perilous and it is hard to be a Jew. The desire to transmit Jewish identity from one generation to the next has become intensified in the last few decades of the Holocaust."

She conceded that intermarriages do give rise to bigger conflicts than other marriages but these conflicts can be resolved. "We must remember that families have lots of resilience and can deal with a lot of difficult issues as long as it is done with love, caring and compassion."

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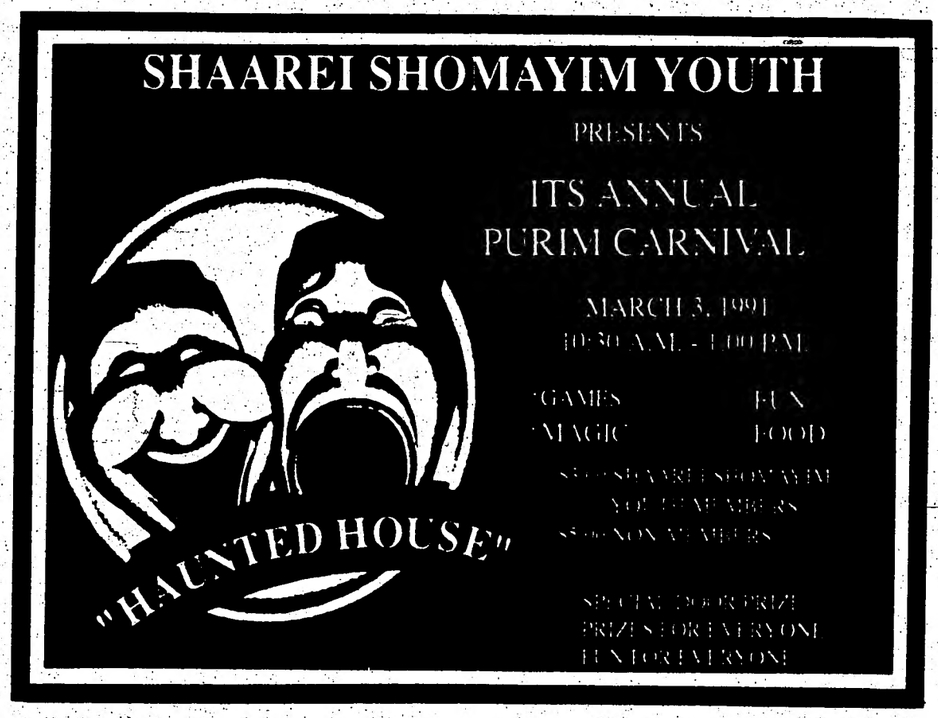


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# What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

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To inquire further, call 481-6363.

**ONTARIO IN CONFEDERATION**

Groups and individuals in the Greater Toronto area have an unusual opportunity to air their views on the role of Ontario in Confederation during a public meeting of the Select Committee scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28 in the Main Legislative Building, Room 151, Queen's Park, from 10a.m.-noon, 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

The meeting, the second in a series of two, will be televised live across Ontario on the Parliamentary Broadcast Channel in English and French, with closed captioning for the hearing impaired. As well, a province-wide toll-free telephone number will provide an opportunity to record the views of Ontarians who cannot appear before the Select Committee in person. This toll-free service will also offer information and help the public arrange to participate.

For toll-free information and to register views, call 1-800-668-7275, 24 hours a day.

**FILM AT WYCHWOOD LIBRARY**

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) will be screened 6.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28 at Wychwood Public Library, 1431 Bathurst St.

This is the quietly powerful film about an Alabama lawyer (**Gregory Peck**) with two children, who defends a black man (**Brock Peters**) unjustly accused of a crime. Peck won an Oscar for best actor. The story is based on a novel by **Harper Lee.**

For details about other films at Wychwood, call 393-7683.

## Friday, March 1

**CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM**

Congregation Darchei Noam announces the resumption of the Friday night egalitarian service in its new premises at 15 Hove St., side door. Services will begin on Friday, March 1 at 7.30 p.m. and will be held on the first Friday of each month thereafter. All are cordially welcome.

The new Friday prayer book, Kol Haneshamah, will be used.

For further information, phone **Murray** at 654-8591, days.

**HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR**

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform a program of Jewish, popular and semi-classical music at the Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St., 2-3 p.m., Friday, March 1.

*WORKING AT BAYCREST*

**Grade 3 students at the United Synagogue Day Schools get a firsthand look at what it's like to live and work at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Lindsay Goldberg, a Grade 3 student at USDS, tries out the hot wax treatment at Baycrest's physiotherapy department. Therapist Karen Haberman demonstrates while teacher Gloria Sossin looks on.**

## Saturday, March 2

**CAFE ESTHER**

Couples and singles, reserve now for Cafe Esther, an evening of entertainment, dancing and a buffet supper planned by Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave., 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

Cost is $10 per ticket in advance, $12 at the door.

Bring your own mask! Bring your friends.

Call the synagogue at 782-4495 or **Renee,** 493-4947.

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

The community is invited to come and pray on Saturday, March 2, at Kehillat Ahavat Chesed. The congregation is an egalitarian participatory community which prays, learns and celebrates together every Saturday morning at 788 Marlee Ave., third floor (near Lawrence just west of the Allen Rd.). Services begin at 9.30 a.m. On March 2, Parshat Parah, there will be a special discussion.

For further information, call the synagogue office at 787-2940. The kehillah welcomes everyone wanting a community experience.

**MONTE CARLO NIGHT & AUCTION**

Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. invites you to its annual Monte Carlo Night and Fun Auction, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

This year, all proceeds will go toward helping to rebuild the damage in Israel.

Tickets are $5 each. For more details, call **Sid Moshenberg,** 513-7960, **Mike Fogel,** 633-0222 or **Marshall Gottlieb,** 739-6125.

## Sunday, March 3

**YIDDISH CLASSES**

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., offers a series of Yiddish classes on four consecutive Sunday evenings, 7-9 p.m., starting March 3. This is an introductory course or use it as a review of last term's course.

Registration takes place at the first class.

Cost is $10, free to seniors and students.

For additional information on this or other Yiddish classes at various levels, contact **Bonnie Kates,** 635-2883, ext. 155.

**MARRIAGE ON THE ROCKS**

Jewish Journeys is scheduling a symposium with a panel of experts to examine the very real issue of Marriage on the Rocks, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd.

A panel of experts including **Rabbi Mordechai Ochs,** chairman, Rabbinical Court of Toronto, specializing in divorce and family matters, **Jeff Mintz,** clinical social worker, Jewish Family and Child Service and **educator/lecturer Sherri Wise,** will explore the ins and outs of marriage, what is happening to marriage in the nineties and will provide practical suggestions to improve a relationship or how to help a friend during a crisis.

A question and answer period follows the discussion.

Cost is $3 and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 886-0420.

**ART AND MORE AUCTION**

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, will hold an Art and More Auction on Sunday, March 3, featuring original Canadian and international art, graphics, oils, watercolors and sculptures, plus general merchandise ranging from designer clothes to VCRs.

Preview is 6.30 p.m., auction at 7.30.

Tickets, $5 per person (includes refreshments), will be available at the door or call 889-4975.

All proceeds go to the Shaar Shalom Synagogue Building Fund.

**THE POWER OF KABBALAH**

An Introduction to the Power of Kabbalah: The ancient wisdom of the Jewish people and the profound relationship between science and Judaism, is slated for 7.30 p.m., Sunday, March 3 at The Kabbalah Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., at Bathurst St.

Call now for free registration; seating is limited. 631-9395.

**BB WOMEN INSTALLATION**

B'nai Brith Women of Toronto is holding its 39th annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, March 3, at 10 a.m. for breakfast. This event takes place at the Sheraton Toronto East Hotel and Towers, 2035 Kennedy Rd., Scarborough.

For reservations, call **Linda Lerner,** 731-1090.

**STUDENT DANCE**

JSF, JSU and JSC are sponsoring a dance, 8.30 p.m., Sunday, March 3, at Earl's Tin Palace, 150 Eglinton Ave. E. (Yonge and Eglinton area). Cost is $8.

**HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

The Photographic Historical Society of Canada presents its Annual Auction of Photographica on Sunday, March 3, in the Burgundy Room of the North York Memorial Community Hall, 5110 Yonge St. The public is invited to come and bring historic or contemporary photographica, for bidding, to the auction (at the discretion of the committee) and to participate as well. Terms are cash only.

The times are 10.30 a.m. to register items, 11.30 a.m. for viewing and the auction starts at 1 p.m.

Admission is $3 and underground parking is available.

For more information call **Mark Singer,** 221-8888.

**HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB**

On Sunday, March 3 at 10 a.m., Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club, 5 Glen Park Ave., (Glencairn-Bathurst area) welcomes you to hear **Jane Logan,** executive director of the Canadian Independent Film Caucus, whose topic, On Location, reveals a Canadian film production manager's experience behind the scenes in Israel.

Cost of breakfast and lecture is $5 per person.

**FREE SCIENCE LECTURE**

Insect Neurobiology: the Pesticide Connection, will be investigated at the next free lecture sponsored by the Royal Canadian Institute, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3 in the J.J.R. Macleod Auitorium, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto, Queen's Park at College St.

To inquire further, phone 928-2096.

**PRAYER, STUDY GROUP**

A small, informal prayer and study group is now meeting regularly at members' homes in downtown Toronto. The next meeting is 6.30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, and everyone is invited.

This is a group for people who are familiar with traditional Jewish prayer and would like to deepen and enrich their prayer lives. At each meeting, a teaching about prayer from the Jewish tradition is discussed and studied. Then the group davens Maariv together. Men and women participate on an equal basis.

To attend, or for more information, call **Justin Lewis,** 538-4060.

**BETH TZEDEC BREAKFAST MEETING**

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club, 1700 Bathurst St., plans a combined breakfast meeting in the Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall at 9.30 a.m., Sunday, March 3, when **Daisy Benchimol** will give an Update on Ethiopian Jewry.

There is a nominal charge for breakfast.

## Monday, March 4

**MONDAY MAGIC**

Does your extended family sometimes give you extra, not-always-asked-for advice? A particularly relevant matter, Outside Influences on the Young Family, will be considered when **Elinor Gertner,** from Jewish Family and Child Service, addresses Monday MAGIC, at 9.30 a.m., March 4.

Monday MAGIC, (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) provides an opportunity for mothers of young children to come out, listen to interesting speakers and share coffee and experiences, Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

## Tuesday, March 5

**SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL LECTURE**

University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program presents the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture with **Prof. Renee Levine Melammed,** lecturer, Centre for Studies in Sephardi and Oriental Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheva Fellow, Annenberg Research Institute, Philadelphia, who will discuss Judaizing Women and the Spanish Inquisition in the 16th Century.

Members of the staff, students and the public are cordially invited, 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, Room 2172, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle.

**AN EVENING OF JEWISH HUMOR**

In May, 1989, a very funny and generous man named **Charles Gardner** died. He had donated many years of volunteer time to Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. In his will, Gardner left a bequest to his friends at Baycrest and his family decided that it would be in keeping with his spirit to use the funds for special annual programs which would bring humor into the lives of his old friends at the centre.

On Tuesday, March 5, the first annual Charles Gardner program will take place when **Allan Gould** presents An Evening of Jewish Humor from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of

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the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., North York.

Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

**GENERATION TO GENERATION**

Generation to Generation Discussion Group, under the auspices of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, explores the Impact of Holocaust on Children of Survivors, with **Dr. Henry Fenigstein,** 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., fourth floor.

For further information, call 635-2888, ext. 153.

**HBT LECTURE AND DISCUSSION**

The Tuesday morning lecture and discussion group meets at 9.45 a.m. in the board room of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. On March 5, **Freda Forman** will zero in on Jewish Feminism.

**T'NACH STUDY GROUP**

The T'nach Study Group will be examining the Book of Samuel, Parts IV and V, with **Abe Bohnen,** on Tuesday, March 5.

The group meets 8-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

## Wednesday, March 6

**RUSSIAN INTEGRATION**

The Community Integration Program and Russian Response Committee invite you to attend Realities of Russian Integration, a timely educational evening featuring family life educator **Sheila Freeman** and **Prof. Donald Schwartz,** national president JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Service). Moderator will be **Arnold Gilis.**

This is slated for 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

RSVP to **Debbie,** 635-2883, Ext. 200.

## Thursday, March 7

**ROCKY HORROR PUB NIGHT**

Students on Thursday, March 7 at 7.30 p.m., at York University start the night off with the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* in Curtis Lecture hall L, then party the night away at the McLaughlin College All Ages Pub Night, McLaughlin JCR - only $5 for the movie, $6 for the movie and pub. Call 736-5178 or 736-7106 for information.

**FOREST HILL LIBRARY**

Two films, *Squirrel On My Shoulder* and *Better Bred Than Dead*, will be shown at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., at 1.30 p.m. Thursday, March 7.

Admission is free.

**ALCOHOLISM AMONG JEWS**

To increase the awareness of the Jewish community to the problem of alcoholism, Jewish Family and Child Service is sponsoring a forum, Alcoholism and Other Addictions: Exploring the Myths. Keynote speaker **Linda Berman,** is the Addiction Centre program co-ordinator from Westchester, New York. This free forum will be held 7.30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, at 4600 Bathurst St. fourth floor.

For more information, call **Florence Weinberger,** 638-7800.

**HOME RENOVATION FORUM**

City of Toronto residents can attend a free Renovation Forum on Thursday, March 7, from 7-9.30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall.

City officials from several departments will provide information on getting home improvement projects through approvals and inspections. Architects and contractors will outline various design approaches and contracting options.

Child care will be available. To reserve child care or for more information, call 392-7522. (TDD/TTY users, call 392-0383).

## AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

**CHAT FASHION SHOW**

Dressed To Kill, the annual fashion show presented by Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, is set for Sunday, March 17 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. in the Main Hall. There will be one afternoon and one evening performance. Tickets, $8, will be available at the door. All proceeds go to charity.

**NORTH YORK SYMPHONY**

Young virtuoso **Barry Schiffman** will play the **Tchaikowsky** Violin Concerto when he appears with the North York Symphony on March 16 and 17 at Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch Ave. E. Also on the program will be **Rossini's** Barber of Seville Overture and **Kallinikof's** Symphony No. 1.

Saturday concerts start at 8 p.m. and pre-concert lectures are at 7.15 p.m. Sunday concerts commence at 2.30 p.m.

For information call 499-2204 and for tickets, call 491-8877.

**BAYCREST CATERING**

Baycrest Terrace has a a wide range of facilities to meet your strictly kosher catering needs. From 10 to 500 people can be accommodated in a variety of rooms as well as in the spacious outside grounds for wedding ceremonies. The carpeted Fireside Lounge, complete with built-in bar, leads to an outdoor patio.

There is a large, well-equipped meat kitchen and a service of fine china, silverware and glassware have recently been added. A dairy kitchen is located on the ground floor.

Each meeting/party room offers modern lighting, sound systems and air conditioning. Adequate complimentary parking is available in the well-lit lot.

To inquire, call **Lorraine Sherkin** at 785-2477.

**MARCH BREAK**

A number of programs are planned at various Metro Toronto and outlying facilities during the spring break, March 11-15.

North York Parks and Recreation offers exciting activities for children ages 6-12. Choose from a round-up of Adventure Out-Trips where children can participate for a week or a day. Cost is $21 per child per day, including any admission costs.

For children who do not want to travel, Fun Festivals offers week-long activities in Gymnastics, Sports and Fine Arts Discovery. Fun Festivals operates Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is $80 per week or $95 per week including extended hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration is now being accepted. For more information, call North York Parks and Recreation Department at 224-6676.

Harbourfront invites kids to experience the thrill of the big top, the intrigue of fantasy or the challenge of uncovering a theatrical mystery. From March 11-15, children ages 5-14 can enrol in one of the following creative and stimulating camps: Run Away with the Circus, (5-11), cost $150; Mystery in the Art Room Video (9-12), cost $170, $160 for Power Plant members; Dungeons and Dragons, (10-14), cost $150. (Early registration is a must for Dungeons and Dragons as enrolment is strictly limited)

Camps run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and extended care is available for working parents from 8-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. at an additional cost of $6 per day.

For information or to register, call Harbourfront at 973-4093.

York Region YMCA is now accepting registration for its March Break programs. Open to children 6-9 years of age, it includes a wide variety of activities and out trips including Tour of the Universe and the Metro Toronto Zoo. School locations are in Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Markham. Times are 7.30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Also available is a pre-school program for children 3½-5 years, located at the Richmond Hill YMCA.

For registration information, call the York Region YMCA at 884-4811 or 773-4591.

**SHAAREI-BETH EL, OAKVILLE**

Look for upcoming details about the first Shaarei-Beth El Congregation Jewish Musical Evening, Saturday, March 23, featuring the shul's own choir, a special guest choir plus singers and musicians from Southern Ontario.

**VOLUNTEER WHERE YOU CAN**

North York needs volunteers for a variety of positions. Check here, and see if you can find something which interests you and enables you to help others. It could truly be a mitzvah.

Provide social support and encouragement to people who have had treatment for mental illness. Three hours only, one day a week, with a minimum commitment of 6 months, Bathurst/Lawrence/Eglinton area.

Babies! Babies! You can help parents of multiple births. An extra pair of hands would be appreciated any time. Locations currently available are Yonge/Sheppard, Don Mills/Eglinton, Bathurst/Steeles, Bayview/Steeles.

Are you knowledgeable about computers? Be a special visitor to a 61-year-old male stroke victim with an interest in computers.

The Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf needs a companion for a confused senior male. Times may be flexible but regular.

An immigrant aid agency in the north-west part of North York requires an outreach volunteer to inform the community about its Elderly Persons' Centre. Distribute flyers and let people know about the drop-in centre and recreational programs.

The Donwood Institute, a centre for the prevention and treatment of addiction, also needs volunteers to help with recovery training, life skills, childcare, recreational activities, client interviews, etc. These are evening or weekend volunteer jobs and training is provided.

For more information, please call the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

## *PROJECT CLOTHESLINE*

**Project Clothesline came into being as a community-wide volunteer response to the unprecedented aliya of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews who are now starting a new life in Israel and who continue to arrive despite the stresses of the Gulf War. Seen here from left are Project Clothesline founders Ellie Korenblum, Sadie Rose and Harold Kay with volunteers Fern Kay and Michael Klein.**

**CHIEF McCORMACK TO SPEAK**

**Chief William McCormack,** Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, will address the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto at 2.30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the Civic Ballroom of The Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen St. W.

Membership fees are $25 per individual, $35 for a couple. Guest tickets are $5.

To inquire further, call the club office, 923-2900, 2 College St. (R212), Toronto, M5G 1K3.

**GAM-ANON**

Gam-anon, a self-help group offering support to families and friends of those who gamble compulsively, meets 8 p.m. every Sunday in St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave., Willowdale.

For more information, call 366-7613.

**FOREST HILL LIBRARY**

A number of activities for children are offered each afternoon at 2 p.m. in Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., during the school break, March 11-15.

March 11 - Dinosaur Art - pre-registration is required.

March 12-Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles: Fun with the Science Guys - pre-registration required.

March 13 - Magic with Leah — open to all, limit 100.

March 14 - Sleeping Beauty (puppet show) — open to all, limit 100.

March 15 - Song and Music — open to all, limit 100.

Admission is free.

**SHALOM VILLAGE**

Here is a list of March highlights at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. in Hamilton.

Sunday, March 3 at noon, Deli Lunch, $3, then a trip to the Hamilton Art Gallery.

Tuesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 21, at 7.30 p.m., Line Dancing. Move and groove to beat and learn some easy dance steps.

Wednesday, March 6 at 7.30 p.m. Scarf Magic. Bring your favorite scarf and learn some new ways to dress up your spring outfits.

Tuesday, March 12 is Mexican Day. Have some fun, eat some food and settle back at 7.30 p.m. for some armchair travel.

March 17 is Simcha Sunday. Join in the celebration, when **Michael Khinkis,** a great entertainer from the Soviet Union, performs for Shalom Village birthday people — **Ruth Johnstone** and **Elsie Schoan.**

Tuesday, March 19, Dundas Concert Band at 7.30 p.m.

Ongoing programs include, Fun Fit six mornings a week; Stained glass with **Carolyn,** at 1.45 p.m; Crafts with **Susi,** Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m; Singing with **Leah,** Mondays, 4 p.m. Garden Group, to be announced.

For more details, call 528-5377 in Hamilton.

**HOBBY SHOW**

Take a break and investigate the hobbies and crafts to be featured at The Hobby Show, March 1-3 in the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place.

Whether your taste runs to radio control planes, boats or cars, or punch embroidery and bonsai tree making, you'll find something to see and do at this display of 200 different hobbies and crafts.

Special features include the Tamiya Off-Road

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Car Races, The Millennium Metro Marin Modellers Boat Pond and Show, the White Rose Make it and Take it Area, stamps, coins and cards, miniatures and ceramics, ham radio and brass rubbing, doll houses and woodcarving, as well as enough model railroads to compensate for VIA reductions.

Admission is $7 for adults, $4.25 seniors and children 6-12, free for children under 6. GST is included.

For more information, contact **Ted Curl,** 4218-6466.

**KIDNEY MONTH**

March is Kidney Month in Canada. The Kidney Foundation supports research, patient services and public education. When a canvasser calls at your door, please give generously.

**INTERMARRIAGE & ASSIMILATION**

The Judaic Department, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, presents a four-part lecture series on Intermarriage and Assimilation, to be held on Wednesdays, 7.30-9 p.m., April 10, 17, 24 and May 1. The lecturer will be **Rabbi Leo Davids.**

Registration is open to members and non-members alike, but space is limited. To register, call the BBW/C office at 630-9313.

**PASSOVER CANDY TREES**

Jordana-Yamit Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is taking orders for Passover candy trees — fresh Elite candies; kosher for Pesach, attractively presented in a mug and delivered for only $10.

Call 658-0154.

**BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE**

The Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., (telephone 694-7942), a small, friendly congregation of young singles and families, invites you to worship every Shabbat at 9.30 a.m., with kiddush following.

**GEORGES VANIER REUNION**

Georges Vanier Secondary School is planning its 25th Anniversary Reunion on May 4. There will be a breakfast for all staff and former staff at 10.30 a.m. and Open House for staff and former students, from 1-4.30 p.m.

Call now, 493-3160.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN YIDDISH**

Take part in one of the greatest cultural rescue efforts in Jewish history! Spend your summer hauling and sorting thousands of recently-recovered yiddish books at the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts. Morning classes are offered in Yiddish language plus participation in the week-long summer program in Yiddish culture.

This is a unique learning experience open to undergraduate students with a capacity for hard physical work, a knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet and a desire to learn more about Yiddish culture. Prior knowledge of Yiddish is helpful but not essential.

An eight-week, $1500 fellowship is offered plus a generous allowance for room and board. Deadline for applications is March 21. For an application form and/or additional information, (Toronto area students only) write Friends of Yiddish, 5th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. or call, 635-2883, ext. 155.

**MOM'S MORNING OUT**

Mothers with young children, meet for a morning out with other moms on Wednesdays, 9.30-11 a.m. at Shaarei Haim Synagogue House, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. The leader is **Jo-Anne Ross Freeman,** from Jewish Family and Child Service.

Babysitting is provided and there will be refreshments. Bring along your ideas for future sessions.

For more information and to RSVP, call **Cathy Borenstein,** 886-2153.

**FREE INCOME TAX CLINICS**

If you are a single person whose income is less than $15,000 or a family whose income is less than $22,500 or, if you receive free FBA, Welfare, GAINS, or a disability pension, you can have your income tax declaration prepared free of charge.

The Don Valley Progressive Conservative Association, in co-operation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, is offering tax clinics every Wednesday evening, between 6.30 and 9 until April 17, at the constituency office, 173 Ravel Rd., Willowdale.

To make an appointment, call 493-1994 or come into the office.

If you require help with transportation , let the constituency office know in advance.

**PASSOVER WORKSHOP**

Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, is holding a four-week workshop on The Art of Jewish Living — The Passover Seder, which will explain how to conduct your own seder and understand the Haggada.

The first class, to be led by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster,** is 8-10 p.m. Monday, March 4 and everyone is welcome.

Registration includes a handbook and a melody tape. To pre-register and for further information, call 884-3353.

**SHAAREH HAIM SYNAGOGUE**

Shaarei Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, is now holding services every Friday night at 6 p.m. as well as Saturday and Sunday morning services.

Special Friday night Family Services are held once a month.

To inquire further, contact the synagogue office at 884-3353.

**THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN**

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

For information about this group, call **Abraham Silver** or **Sylvia Lusher** at 656-5408.

## at the JCC

JCC North/East Valley Singles Network is looking for volunteers to help in the planning of programs. If interested, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

The Young Russian Jewish Adult Committee (18-30) in conjunction with the N/E Valley, 7015 Leslie St., is planning a movie night on Sunday, March 3 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

Kids, ages 9-12 years, come and spend the March Break creating and performing in your own dance show. March Moves 1-2-3, is a week-long creative dance workshop, with teacher/choreographer and performer **Maxine Heppner.** It takes place 9 a.m.-noon, Monday to Friday, March 11-15, with performance scheduled for noon on Sunday, March 17. It's all happening at the Koffler Centre School of Dance, JCC North Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call **Jacque** or **Elaine** at 631-5659.

For information about March Break children's programs at the Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave., call **Florence Marantz,** 924-6211.

## for seniors

**Earl Bales Seniors Club** holds a dance every Saturday evening, 7.30-10.30 in the clubhouse. No charge to members, $1 non-members. Dance to a live band every other Sunday at the Community Centre in the park, Bathurst and Sheppard. It's to be a Purim Dance in the Community Centre on Sunday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Cost is $5. Members only. Tickets are available at the clubhouse.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, there will be a movie in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members $1.

Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education, include ballroom and line dancing and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. For information call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 14 at Shopper's Drug Mart in Thornhill, Sonnee Cohen, in co-operation with pharmacist **Stan Lefler,** is having a special party day for seniors, with free prizes, gifts and samples.

**The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch,** offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit,** 924-6211, ext. 36.

The Friendship Club at **Forest Hill Library,** 70 Eglinton Ave. W., offers bridge and other activities for seniors, Mondays and Tuesdays, 12-5 p.m. For more information call the library, 393-7706.

**Senior Sinais** Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal, in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

**Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus Fifty,** 1700 Bathurst St., meets on Tuesday, March 5 for a Musicalle Luncheon at 12.30 p.m., with guest artist **Leonid Karpinski.** Reserve early. Cost is $7.50. Call 781-3511.

**Holy Blossom Temple, Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group,** meets at noon on alternate Wednesdays at the temple, 1900 Bathurst St. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome.

## *LONG-TERM CARE REFORM*

**Lorraine Avery (left) a head nurse at Baycrest Hospital, talks to members of the Baycrest Centre Foundation who toured the centre recently and who heard ideas about long-term care reform. (From left to right) Foundation president, Stan, Feldman and board members, Mac Nisker, Stan Vine, Austin Beutel and Bernard Weinstein.**

On March 6, **Jerome Diamond,** retired executive director of Jewish Family and Child Service, will discuss The Jewish Man - Where Is He At By Now in Our Society? Call **Tera,** 789-3291, for information,and for information on transportation, if needed. At the next meeting, on March 20, **Holy Blossom's assistant rabbi, Sharon Lee Sobel,** will speak.

Professional assistance in preparing your income tax is offered free of charge (single incomes of $15,000 and couple incomes of $22,500). Call **Teme Kernerman,** North Y Branch JCC, 636-1880, ext. 364 for an appointment. Available times are Tuesdays, 6.30-9 p.m. starting March 5.

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To inquire further, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443, **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

**The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group,** 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, March 3 from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh.** For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

A recently formed **Romanian Discussion Group** meets from 1.30-3 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For additional information, call **Gitit Gilran,** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

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## singles events

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Tuesday, March 12, General Meeting, 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street, Main Auditorium. Speaker; Debbie Cowitz, Jewish Dateline. Topic; "Lovers and Other Strangers". Cover; Members $2.00, Non-members $5.00. Contact Robert Gordon, 486-1865. 3827

## About People

**CHRISTIAN-JEWISH APPOINTMENT**

**Tina Lopes-Morey** has been appointed to the part-time position of executive secretary for the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. An honors graduate in arts from the University of Toronto, she holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Toronto School of Theology, St. Michael's College.

Tina Lopes-Morey

Her primary interest is in the field of human relations and resources. Her experience in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue includes workshops, retreats and conferences on subjects as diverse as violence against women, conflict mediation, race relations, as well as counselling in these areas.

She has the group process and administrative skills for organizing events at which issues of concern to Christians and Jews can be addressed.

Lopes-Morey is married and is the mother has three young children. One of her interests is creative drama in the service of liturgy.

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# Organizations and People

## Seniors' ethnic needs important in long-term care reforms: Baycrest

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The Ontario government must consider the religious and ethnic needs of the elderly in reforming long-term care in the province, according to a brief from the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Baycrest, which serves the health and social needs of Toronto's Jewish elderly, says those requiring long-term care often find comfort in their religion and culture, and providing care that reflects a client's ethnic tradition can have a positive effect on their health.

Baycrest has joined forces with similar facilities in other ethnic communities to press Queen's Park to include religious and cultural concerns in the revamping of long-term care.

Together, they have formed the Multicultural Association for Seniors and Aging (MASA), which includes experts on long-term care from the Greek, Italian and Chinese communities.

According to Baycrest, MASA will lobby the government of Premier Bob Rae on the effect long-term care reform may have on the quality of health and social services.

Last May, the Liberal government of then Premier David Peterson proposed a radical restructuring of long-term care, for mainly the elderly and chronic-care patients in hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged and private homes.

The document, called Strategies for Change, was a 10-point plan for the future delivery of services to those who, because of advanced age or disability, need continuous care.

Among other things, the plan called for centralizing admission and referral to services through Service Access Organizations, or SAOs, a sort of one-stop centre for senior citizens or their families who need services.

The proposal also discussed in-home services, funding, caregiving and community planning.

Baycrest says the NDP government has indicated it will move ahead with reforms, but that it's not clear whether the Liberal plan will form the basis for changes.

According to Baycrest president and chief executive officer Stephen Herbert, the Liberal proposal has merits but it leaves out the ethnic and religious needs of clients.

"We are concerned about whether these needs will be addressed in a new, streamlined system of assessing and placing the elderly," Herbert says.

He says the government may not be aware of how important a client's "cultural environment" is to his or her well-being.

For example, patients or residents who are served foods not prepared in accordance with religious or cultural traditions may refuse to eat, thus harming their health, Herbert points out.

Immigrants suffering from neurological disease may lose their ability to speak English or French and may revert to their mother tongue, he adds.

As well, maintaining contact with religion can provide needed support for many elderly people who have experienced the loss of a spouse or loved one, Herbert says.

## *Regina Jews hold rally for Israel*

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Regina's Jewish community of about 166 families held a rally in support of Israel on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Beth Jacob Synagogue.

The rally, which was attended by about 100 people, was co-sponsored by the Orthodox Beth Jacob and small Reform Beth Tikva congregation and the Regina Jewish community.

The rally was highlighted with telephone link-ups with Benjamin Abileah, Israel's ambassador to Canada, and Sadie Ratson, long-time Regina resident who spends her winters in Netanya with her family.

"Everyone here knows Sadie," says the Beth Jacob's Rabbi Shlomo Truzman. "She is a staunch Zionist loved and respected by all. We miss her but we are happy she is with our people in Israel."

According to Truzman, Ratson reported she felt protected and secure in Israel despite the sleepless nights. She felt Israel was the place she should be now, where she belonged and that the country would overcome Saddam Hussein's evil designs.

"There was a lot of emotion in the room after our contact with Sadie," said Truzman. "She touched everyone's heart."

Abileah talked about life under siege in Israel, the empty streets, families huddled together and the estimated $3-billion damages from this war Israel isn't directly involved in. He also answered questions from the media.

The rally's keynote speaker was David Wilder, director of the State of Israel Bonds organization midwest region. Wilder, based in Winnipeg, spoke not just on behalf of Israel Bonds but of all major organizations raising funds for Israel. He spoke of the war's costs, the drop in tourism to Israel.

"All the money raised in 1990 for Operation Exodus and other Soviet immigration campaigns has been negated by the drop in tourism revenues, the lack of foreign investments, the curfew and increased reserve duty," he said.

"Everyone in Israel is sleeping with one ear open. We don't have to live through this but we can do what we can and then come to help through support of Israeli-based fund-raising organizations."

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF *ADULT EDUCATION & CULTURAL EVENTS* FOR MARCH, 1991

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March 5 — The Jewish Music Society of Toronto presents Shostakovich and the Jewish Motif: The Babi Yar Symphony. An illustrated lecture by Solomon Volkov, Reknowned author of the London Times Book of the Year: Testimony: Memoirs of Dmitri Shostakovich. Lipa Green Building, Conference Centre, 4th floor, 8 p.m. For tickets or information, 635-2883, ext. 154.

March 5 — T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Congress. Book of Samuel, Part II, Chapters IV and V. Lecturer Abe Bohnen. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

March 6 — Mizrachi Organization of Toronto presents Dudu Fisher in Concert. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m. For tickets or information, 630-7575.

March 12 — The Jewish Music Society of Toronto presents The Ehko Trio, with Andrew Burashko, piano, Hibiki Kobayashi, violin and Orly Bitov, cello, performing music by Shostakovich and Jewish composers. The Royal Conservatory of Music Concert Hall, 273 Bloor St. W., 8 p.m. For tickets or information, 635-2883.

March 17 — The Jewish Film Society presents "Raindrops" at the Lipa Green Building Conference Centre, 7:30 p.m. Admission by membership only. For information 635-2883, ext. 154.

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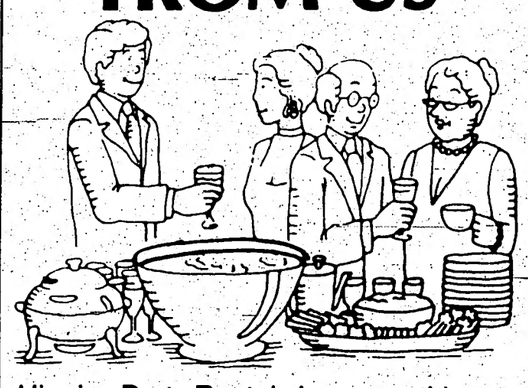

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# Organizations and People

Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Culture Elaine Ziemba receives a copy of the Ontario Jewish Resource Directory from regional chairman Eric Slavens (second from left). Others in the delegation to meet the minister included (from left) David Satok, Stephen Krashinsky and Louis Lenkinsky. [Zephyr Studios photo]

## *Congress meets with Ziemba*

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress met recently with Ontario's minister of citizenship and culture to discuss the community's concerns arising out of the Gulf War.

Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba, who is also responsible for race relations and multiculturalism, initiated the meeting to ascertain the community's observations about the war, said Bernie Farber, director of research for Congress.

The minister was told that the Jewish community in Ontario views Israel as central to Jews everywhere and has a natural concern for the state and its citizens. The delegation described the physical and psychological damage resulting from Iraqi Scud missile attacks on Israel.

CJC's joint community relations committee (JCRC) director Manuel Prutschi, who also attended the meeting, said the delegation described the community's preoccupation with security, saying it is regularly on Congress' agenda.

Security measures have been taken in Canada to ensure the safety of Jewish institutions. That comes with the territory of being Jewish, the minister was told.

Prutschi said the delegation also expressed its support for Canadian forces in the Gulf as part of the anti-Iraq coalition and it stated its hope that no prejudice or harassment arises in Canada due to events in the Gulf.

In addition to Prutschi and Farber, the delegation consisted of CJC Ontario region chairman Eric Slavens, Ontario JCRC chairman David Satok, Stephen Krashinsky, co-chairman of the political liaison committee and Louis Lenkinsky, Congress' regional secretary.

## Jerusalem Pavilion seeking new funding

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

The show must go on, says the chairman of this year's Jerusalem Pavilion.

Notwithstanding Schura Varona's success in turning last year's pavilion into one of the most popular in the annual Metro International Caravan [CJN June 28], B'nai Brith Canada recently slashed its $30,000 funding by 85 per cent for the showcase of Israeli culture.

Since 1979, BBC has been sponsoring the pavilion, situated in the Bloor Y Branch of the JCC. Lodge volunteers have been active in the pavilion program since 1970, one year after the multicultural festival's inception.

The fraternal organization, reeling under a $3.5 million deficit, has been eliminating or drastically cutting back its various programs not related to political advocacy, which is now BBC's main focus.

Other programs the continuation of which have come under a cloud in recent months include the B'nai Brith Youth Organization [CJN Jan. 3] and campus Hillels [CJN Jan. 24].

Left with $5,000 in seed money, Varona has turned to lodge presidents in a fund-raising appeal.

He is also looking for donations in kind including sound equipment, lighting, kosher food and refreshments, and tables and chairs.

Last year, Caravan officials selected the Jerusalem Pavilion as having the best variety show in the 40-country extravaganza.

The 45-minute performance was so popular, Varona reported, that it often ran to standing-room-only crowds.

He estimated 15,000 visitors packed the pavilion in the seven nights it was open.

Varona is hoping to repeat that feat this year. But first, "It's time to knock on doors."

This year's Caravan will roll from June 14 to 22. The Jerusalem Pavilion, which is closed on Shabbat, will have its gala opening June 13.

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# Organizations and People

## *German government criticized for providing weapons for Iraq*

By
BILL GLADSTONE

**TORONTO —**

The huge quantity of hi-tech, chemical and biological weaponry components that Germany supplied Iraq before the outbreak of the Gulf War is "a scandal and a disgrace," says a York University professor.

The German government helped the Iraqis develop the now-infamous Scud missiles that have arched from Iraq into Israel and Saudi Arabia, Mark Webber, an associate professor of German and humanities, told a gathering at the National Council of Women buiding on north Bathurst Street recently.

"The Germans are clearly deeply embarrassed by this," Webber said. "They have stated unequivocably that this is contrary to their foreign policy and that they deeply regret that this has happened."

Germany has shown its contrition by contributing some $9 billion towards the cost of the international coalition allied against Iraq, and by offering Israel $165 million in humanitarian aid and military equipment, including Patriot launchers and missiles, Webber said.

This offer is a clear indication that Germany is attempting to make amends to the Jewish state, he said.

A frequent visitor to Germany, Webber spoke on the topic Who's Afraid of A United Germany? He prefaced his talk with the caveat that he has two points of view "as a professional watcher of German things, and as a Jew."

Evidently using both perspectives, he noted that there is a sizable peace movement in Germany, and much ambivalence about the U.N. coalition against Iraq.

Modern Germans, he said, do not blindly accept the martial rhetoric of their leaders. "I'd be a lot more upset if Germany was rushing in line to get into war," he said.

Webber related that one adherent of Germany's highly visible and increasingly violent German neo-Nazi movement has publicly offered to recruit a 500-person legion to fight for Iraq. "Personally, I'm all in favor of that," he said. "I'd like to see them on the front lines."

The two Germanys came together with a speed that neither politicians nor political scientists could have predicted, he said, adding that the factors favoring unification became aligned in a "window of opportunity" that has since closed.

As opposed to the U.S.S.R. of one year ago, today's Soviet Union would probably not stand by and watch East Germany leave its sphere of influence without a fight, Webber said.

According to Webber, the term "reunification" is inaccurate and misleading. "To say something is reunited presupposes it's been together before in the same shape it's in now," he said.

"The Germany that exists now has never existed before. Germany's shape has changed often in the last 100 years, but there was never a state with the borders of the present federal republic."

The economic cost of integrating the two Germanys is proving far greater than expected, with the result that the new German federation will seem preoccupied and self-absorbed for several years, Webber said.

That may explain why Germany seemed on the verge of committing a major faux pas when it briefly considered putting a strict quota on the number of Jews it would accept from the Soviet Union.

The unification of East and West Germany "does not forbode a fourth Reich," he said, nor does it necessarily entail a forgetfulness of the horrors of the old Germany. "Germany is going to be an important world actor, but we shouldn't confuse this with national socialism (Nazism)," he said.

"We also shouldn't assume that three generations later, people are guilty and always will be guilty. We can't stereotype them as 'the Germans.' I reject that kind of talk.

"I don't think it's productive or fair to rub the noses of 20-year-old Germans in the past," he said.

Webber was one of four speakers in a weekly series sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, on the theme, The Roots and Realities of Anti-Semitism.

## Hebrew U. researchers clone rat's brain material

**JERUSALEM —**

A team of researchers from Israel's Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the California Institute of Technology, and the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology has succeeded in cloning the transporter of GABA (gamma aminobutyric acid) in rat brains — the first time that a cloning of this type of brain material has been accomplished.

It is hoped that this pioneering work may some day lead to the development of a new class of medicine to control diseases related to the nervous system, including epilepsy.

GABA is the major action-inhibiting neurotransmitter in the brain. The GABA transporter is a substance that rapidly removes GABA from the space (the synaptic gap) between nerve cells, thereby terminating the action of the GABA on the target neurons.

Neurotransmitters are materials that convey messages of various sorts from one nerve cell to another in living creatures.

The research team that performed the cloning included Prof. Baruch Kanner of the department of biochemistry at the Hebrew University — Hadassah Medical School, Prof. Henry Lester of the California Institute of Technology, Prof. Nathan Nelson of the Roche Institute, and others. The results of their research appeared in a recent issue of the American magazine, Science.

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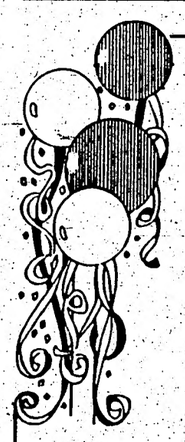
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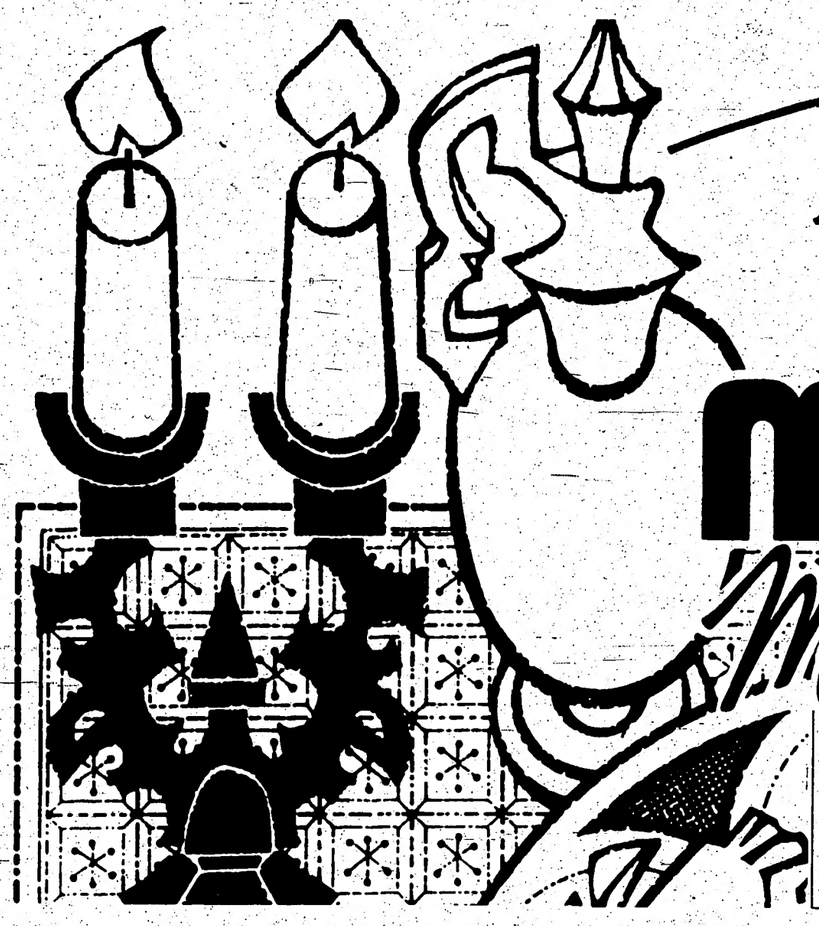

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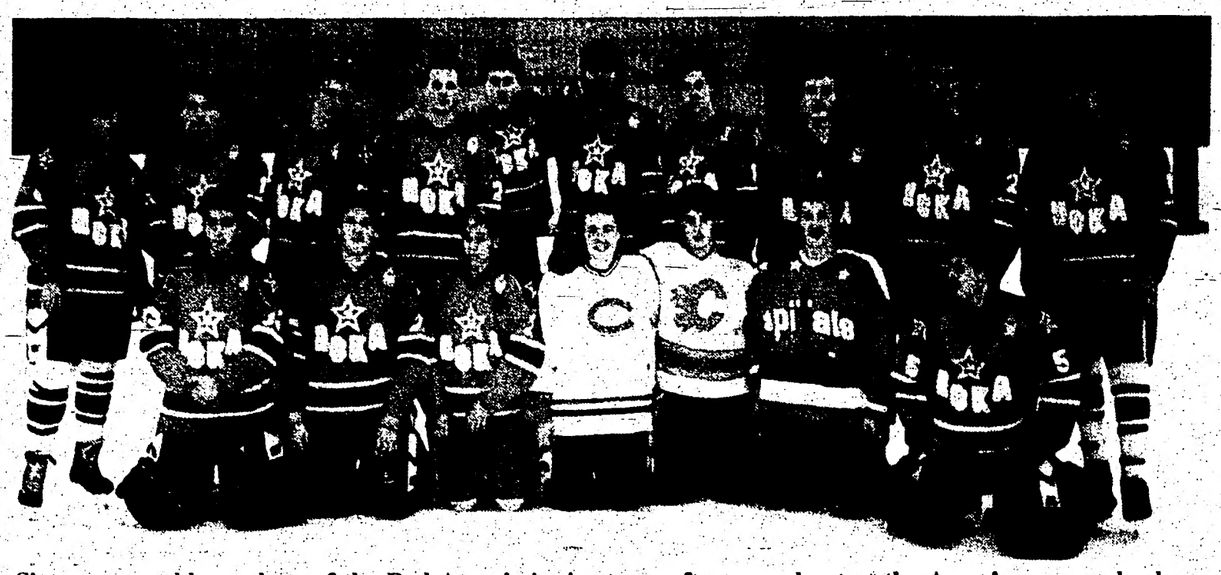

Sixteen-year-old members of the Red Army's junior team after a workout at the Army's summer hockey camp, which is headed by former national team star Sergei Gimaev (third from right, back row).

## *Hockey camp set up in Moscow*

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Teenage hockey players with an eye on hockey scholarships, a junior career or who just want to excel at their sport often look for something to give them "an edge" in their games.

Local entrepreneurs have for years been meeting that need, offering a wide range of summer hockey camps with top flight instruction. But Alex Belopolsky has come up with a new approach that is somewhat off the beaten track. About 5,000 kms off, in fact.

Belopolsky is a young, Russian-born entrepreneur who, in concert with Soviet hockey officials, is arranging for Canadian teens to travel to Moscow for a summer hockey camp taught by top Soviet hockey specialists.

Canadian participants who take him up on his offer will be integrated into existing instructional programs run by the Red Army or the Dynamo teams. And they will receive instruction and guidance from among the brightest lights that Soviet hockey has ever produced on the international scene: former national team members Boris Mikhailov, Sergei Gimaev and Alexander Gerasimov are among the instructors.

Other on ice teachers may be less familiar, but are no less able: Alexander Birakov, head coach of the Soviet's national junior team is also involved, while Yan Kamensky, the Jewish head coach of the junior Moscow Dynamo is an occasional instructor.

In addition to the training program, designed by national team coach Victor Tikhonov, participants will take part in exhibition games with junior teams from the Spartak, Wings, Dynamo and Red Army clubs.

They will stay at dormitories run by the Army just outside Moscow, said Sergei Gimaev, the ex-national team player who is one of the instructors.

In a telephone interview from Moscow through interpreter Tamara Guner in Toronto, Gimaev said the Canadian teens will join about 250 Russian athletes — none of them hockey players — at the army camp. There, they will experience the Soviet dry land training regimen that keeps their athletes in top condition and which has produced many world-class athletes.

The Canadians will be bused to Moscow itself for the on-ice sessions, Gimaev said.

Belopolsky believes that participants in the program will not only enhance their hockey skills, but "they should accummulate memories and good experiences."

In addition to meeting Russian youngsters, the Canadian kids will also enjoy tours of historic sites in Moscow and other cultural programs. For many, watching the Soviet nationals prepare for the Canada Cup tournament next fall should be an exciting prospect as well as a rare opportunity.

The person behind the venture, Belopolsky, has lived in Canada for 11 of his 20 years, but returned to the Soviet Union during last year's exhibition tour by the NHL's Calgary Flames and Washington Capitals. It was during that "Friendship Tour" that he proposed to the Soviets that they open their camps to Canadian participation.

They accepted, seeing it as an opportunity to acquire "hard currency," Gimaev said.

Belopolsky negotiated to have his company, Zvezda (Star) Enterprises handle arrangements from the Canadian end. Mospros (Moscow Professional Sports) signed the contract at the Soviet end.

Participants can choose between a two-week program with the Red Army juniors from Aug. 1-15, or the Dynamo program from Aug. 15-29, or both.

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During March, which is "Kidney Month," thousands of volunteers will be going door-to-door asking for your assistance through a donation. All funds raised help The Kidney Foundation in its "Fight For Life" supporting medical research into kidney disease, patient services and public education programs.

One of the many dedicated and committed volunteers with the Toronto & District Chapter of The Kidney Foundation of Canada, is Sam Lepek — David's father.

Sam started volunteering for The Kidney Foundation about eight years ago. His son David, at just 3½ months of age, was diagnosed with posterior-urethral valves, a kidney problem which made the urine back up into the kidneys, therefore destroying them.

As the years passed, David continued regularly visiting his doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children, and Sam became more involved with the Foundation serving as president in 1989.

David Lepek (right) with his father Sam.

When David was 11, he developed a kidney infection which destroyed the remainder of his kidney function. He then began haemodialysis, a treatment which cleans the blood of its impurities in place of normal functioning kidneys.

He coped very well with his treatment but felt run down, sick and also very tired. Dialysis took up a great deal of David's time and he found it hard to concentrate on his school work.

While David continued on the physically and mentally draining process of dialysis, his parents underwent tissue typing tests to determine if they could donate one of their kidneys so that David could have a transplant.

Sam says: "One of the greatest gifts you can give a person is the gift of life. Both Helen and I were prepared to do anything to help improve the quality of David's life."

Both parents' kidneys matched, but on advice from their doctor they decided to wait a little longer to see if a cadaver donor could be found.

While Sam and David were at a Blue Jay baseball game, the public address announcer called for Sam to come to customer service immediately — there was a kidney available for David.

David says, "I'm a big baseball fan and I love the Blue Jays, but when my Dad told me the news, I jumped out of my seat in a second. What a way to get such great news! The Blue Jays won the game too!"

Sam and David proceeded to the hospital and by the next day David was the proud recipient of a functioning kidney.

David has had his kidney now for almost three years and is doing very well. He has regained his energy and is a straight A student at Thornlea Secondary School. David has more time to devote to some of his favorite activities such as collecting baseball cards and autographed baseballs.

He says: "Since I had my transplant I have time to do all the things I love to do. I'm no longer hooked up to a machine three times a week for up to five hours a day."

Sam and Helen are very proud of their son and want him to grow up to be self-sufficient and able to manage his own care. But transplantation is not a cure. There are still many obstacles to overcome for David and his family.

The family takes one day at a time, keeps a positive outlook and hopes that some day, through research, there will be a cure for kidney disease.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada's March Campaign will be raising money so that the Lepek family's dream can someday become a reality.

## *Jackson expresses sympathy after attacks on Tel Aviv*

**VAUGHAN —**

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson has written her counterpart in Tel Aviv, Shlomo Lahat, expressing her sympathy for the situation in which Israel's largest city finds itself.

"On behalf of the council of and residents of the City of Vaughan, I want to extend to you our most sincere sympathy in the difficult situation into which you and your citizens have been forced," Jackson wrote.

"Your people have shown tremendous courage and restraint in the face of terrorist bombardments. The loss of life and injuries that have been inflicted by these savage missile raids causes all reasonable people to feel deep anger and sadness.

"We all pray that peace will soon come to the Middle East."

The letter was written based on a resolution put forward by Coun. Bernie Green and seconded by Coun. Michael Di Biase.


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# Organizations and People

# CJC to provide Passover food to Jews in Mexico

At the Comite Central Israelita de Mexico building in Mexico City are (from left) Manuel Flisser, chairman of the international affairs committee; Edmond Y. Lipsitz, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region executive-director; and George Salamonovitz, chairman of the community relations committee of the Mexican organization.

**MEXICO CITY** — The Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region and the major national Jewish organization of Mexico have concluded an agreement to insure the continuation of the transport of Passover provisions to the Cuban Jewish community.

For more than a quarter of a century, Congress has provided for the Pesach needs of the small Jewish community living in Castro's Cuba. The Jews living there are unable to import kosher products from the United States because of the American trade embargo against the Communist regime.

Due to the political changes in Europe, Congress had been encountering difficulties in recent years in ensuring the shipments from Montreal, transported on Eastern European vessels, reached Cuba in time for Passover, said Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, CJC Ontario Region executive director.

He concluded the agreement with officials of the Comite Central Israelita de Mexico during a visit here.

Mario Nudelstejer, executive director of the Mexican organization, said his group hopes that the accord will prove to be the beginning of an era of closer co-operation between Canadian and Mexican Jewish institutions.

"This arrangement makes much more reliable our supplying of Passover needs to our Cuban brethren," said Lipsitz. "We were always worried about whether our shipment would arrive on time for the holiday."

Last year, the Mexican body agreed to a CJC request to send an emergency shipment to Cuba when it became obvious the ship from Montreal would not reach the island before the beginning of Pesach.

Under the agreement, the Cuban Jewish community will be provided from a Mexican kosher facility with 3,000 packages of matzoh and matzo meal, bottles of cooking oil and kosher wine, cans of kosher meat, and boxes of tea and cookies.

Congress will fund the cost of provisions through monies raised from Ontario individuals and institutions in the annual Moess Chittin campaign, explained Lipsitz.

He said the CJC hopes that this accord "will be the beginning of a fruitful and flourishing relationship between our two communities including visits from representatives on a regular basis."

There are about 1,000 Jews living in Cuba. Food donated by Congress is sold at synagogues with the money raised used to sustain Jewish institutions and to assist needy families.

# Services for disabled in guide

**TORONTO** — The revised Guide to Ontario Government Programs and Services for Disabled Persons is now being distributed, Elaine Ziemba, minister of citizenship with responsibility for disabled persons, announced recently.

The guide lists more than 100 programs and services for Ontarians who are disabled. Among the listings are services in education, health, employment, accommodation, travel and recreation.

Information from 23 Ontario government ministries was gathered to produce the guide.

The booklet is published in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Chinese. For the first time, a Greek language edition is also available.

"We are making the guide accessible to more language and cultural groups in the province," Ziemba said. "It is an excellent reference source for disabled persons, their families and advocates."

Copies of the revised guide may be obtained from the Ontario Office for Disabled Persons, 700 Bay St., Suite 201, Toronto, Ont. M5G 1Z6.

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# Arts

## Showbiz Mishmash

# *Playwright Panych writes comedies with panache*

By
FRANK RASKY

Jewish theatre people from Western Canada are lovable whackos. They appear to be nuttier, wilder and more adventuresome than show people in sedate Eastern Canada.

Anyway, that's my impression after meeting **Morris Panych**, a triple threat playwright, actor and director, whose plays brim with panache.

Born in Calgary, bred in Edmonton, and honing his stagecraft for the past 17 years in Vancouver, he breezed into town to rehearse the Toronto cast of his latest hit comedy.

Titled *7 Stories*, it won a record six Jessie Theatre Awards in British Columbia last season. And it opened on Tuesday this week for a run until March 31 at the Tarragon Theatre (30 Bridgman Ave., 536-5018).

It's a life-affirming, William Saroyanish sort of play tinged with gallows humor. The plot centres on a philosopher fed up with the collapse of society's traditional values; he is poised on the seventh-floor ledge of an apartment building and is contemplating suicide.

His death leap is interrupted by a dozen oddball characters who pop their heads out of adjoining windows. They include a pair of homicidal lovers, a religious fanatic, a consummate paranoid, a 100-year-old woman, and an eccentric actor preparing the big role of his life.

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Their 38-year-old creator is likewise unorthodox. Panych looks more like a B.C. logger than a literary chap.

He's a rugged, "off-the-cuff type of person" in blue jeans and windbreaker. A cowlick of brown hair flops over his forehead. And he chewed a wad of gum intensely during our entire interview offstage at the Tarragon.

He describes himself as "unbelievably neurotic, totally obsessive, a driven workaholic." He can't stand vacations. "They drive me crazy. For me, a two-week holiday in Hawaii would be a nightmare."

He doesn't even like sleeping. "I only sleep when I have to. Never more than six hours. I hate wasting time that keeps me away from my all-consuming theatre work."

He's a confirmed bachelor. "I once had a Jewish girlfriend. She was my fellow student at the creative writing classes at University of British Columbia.

"She insisted I go with her to services at a Vancouver synagogue, evidently to prepare me for marriage. We broke up when I told her I was married to my work, and my work was my religion."

It's not that Panych negates Judaism. Jewish humor and optimism permeate many of his plays. And he inherited a love for Jewish culture from his mother **Adeline**, who attends Beth Israel Synagogue in Edmonton and expresses herself with vivid theatricality.

He was motivated to make theatre his lifelong vocation as a result of working as a coat check attendant at Edmonton's Citadel Theatre. "I got to see the plays free," he says. "And I'll never forget that first thrill of watching the actors in action."

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Today his favorite actors include **Steve Martin** ("a risk-taker and a charmer") and **Dustin Hoffman** ("I like the incredible focus and energy that go into his characterization"). And several of his plays reflect the surreal influence of the "theatre of the absurd" playwrights — the Jewish-Romanian **Eugene Ionesco**, author of *Rhinoceros* and *The Bald Soprano*; and the Irish **Samuel Beckett**, who created the mystifying *Waiting For Godot*.

One of Panych's most popular plays was *Real People Talking Show*. Equipped with a concealed tape recorder, he eavesdropped on the conversation of ordinary people at cafes. "Some of their talk was real scary," he says.

Also acclaimed was Panych's *Cheap Sentiment*. He calls it a play about "the heartlessness of capitalism." The main character is a prostitute who runs her own pawn shop. "She deals in diamond wedding and engagement rings," he says, "and she traded on people's sentimentality."

Despite the gloomy naysayers, Panych is gung-ho about the theatre scene in Canada. "It's in a fabulous state," he says. "Our playwrights are turning out some of the best works in the world — images and characters that stir your feelings. My aim is to be a continuing part of it."

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A tip of my hat goes to the following creators in the arts.

Be sure to catch **Susan Dromisky**, the gifted soloist of the National Ballet of Canada, when she dances the lead role of the perky Swanilda in *Coppelia* March 6 at the O'Keefe Centre. At the opening night, I thought her husband, **Raymond Smith**, too often under-rated as a principal dancer, was absolutely splendid in the role of Franz, who is infatuated with the toy ballerina doll.

Mazel tov to **Leonard Cohen**, Montreal reclusive songwriter, singer and novelist, who'll be serenaded into the Juno Hall of Fame March 3 at the 20th annual Juno Awards, to be telecast live by the CBC.

**Aelita**, the angelic Toronto chantootsy, is donating her $1,000 singing fee to the Aliza chapter of Na'amat Canada March 2 at the fund-raising banquet being held at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 635-5676. Revenue from the $60 tickets will help support Israel day-care centres.

The multi-talented **Leah Cherniak** will direct and perform in *Wildlife*, about the fantasy world of a lounge singer, which Theatre Columbus will stage March 6 to 31 at the Poor Alex Theatre, 296 Brunswick Ave., 927-8998.

**Bernard Schwartz** of Brooklyn, better known to you as the 65-year-old **Tony Curtis**, star of 150 motion pictures, will be available to the public March 2 and 3 at an exhibition of 70 of his *motionless* pictures at the Royal Sutton Ballroom in the Sutton Place Hotel.

His original paintings are for sale at $10,000 and up, and his lithographs are all under $2,000. Among them is his portrait of **Marilyn Monroe**, his co-star in *Some Like It Hot*. Young kids probably know him better as the father of actress **Jamie Lee Curtis**, the product of his first marriage to actress **Janet Leigh**. Altogether, the charming Curtis has been married — and divorced — three times.

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I bow out with this thoughtful Jewish proverb cited by **Milton Berle**, the comic-jester: "The greatest king is put in his grave with a shovel."

Morris Panych

Susan Dromisky

Tony Curtis

Leah Cherniak

Leonard Cohen

Aelita

## Habima stages Sunshine Boys

By
BEN ROSE

**TORONTO —**

Question: Where do you find a retired furrier, a retired pharmacist and a retired driving- school owner having a great time by insulting each other? Answer: In the Habima Players' production of *The Sunshine Boys* for the Seniors Club at the Jewish Community Centre.

Ex-furrier Fred Field, ex-pharmacist Joe Starr and ex-driving-school-owner Mike Glatt obviously relished the lines written by Neil Simon about those fabled cantakerous show business comics Willie Clark and Al Lewis.

It was the first full production put on at the JCC by the Habima Players formed three years ago at the JCC by Minabelle Haneford.

The story concerns an attempt to reunite Clark and Lewis for a charity concert. Lewis (Fred Field) comes in from his daughter's house in New Jersey to meet Clark (Joe Starr) who still lives in a Manhattan Hotel.

"You don't look so good, your blood isn't circulating," Clark tells Lewis.

"I'm fine," Lewis rejoins. "My blood is circulating. I'm not saying it's circulating everywhere."

Mike Glatt, as the tax collector in the famous doctor skit, who comes to check Dr. Kronkheit's books and Ruth Atkin as Clark's nurse round out the cast.

The audience of more than 100 gave a warm reception to *The Sunshine Boys* and to an opening skit featuring Field and Ray Orlan about a widow and widower who start off arguing about whether they should feed the ducks but who agree to try the widow's chopped liver recipe for dinner that night.

Haneford said the troupe which has a total of 13 members, ranging in age from 65 to 79, has a wonderful sense of dedication. "They come to rehearsals whether they have to come on crutches or wearing casts," she said.

The group, which rehearses at the JCC each Monday, has appeared at libraries, residential homes for seniors and community recreation centres.

Haneford is a theatre veteran herself, having been a member of the Premier Players.


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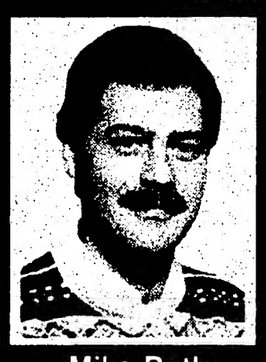

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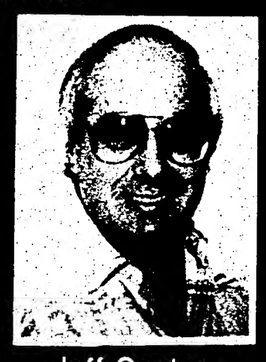

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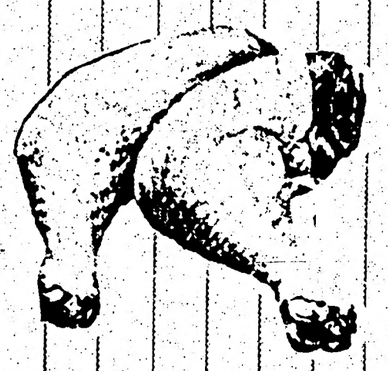
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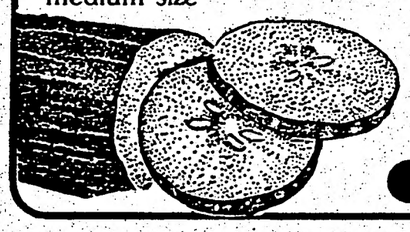
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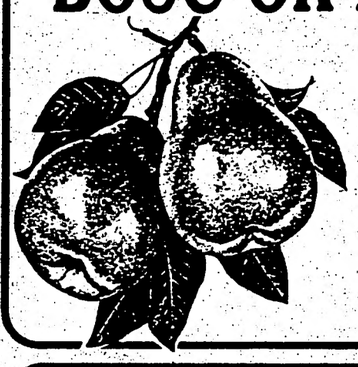
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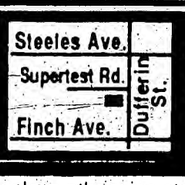

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# Arts

## Composer's music opens tribute

# *Applebaum feted for artistic contributions to Canada*

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —
One of the most familiar pieces of Canadian music is composer Louis Applebaum's Stratford *Fanfare*. It came as no surprise, therefore, that ringing trumpets echoing the *Fanfare* through the lobby of the Leah Posluns Theatre inaugurated the festivities for the gala tribute honoring Applebaum as Arts Person of the Year.

The anual award given by the Jewish Community Centre recognizes a cultural contribution beyond the norm, but the secondary aim of the gala is to raise funds for the centre's various schools of visual and performing arts.

The manifestation of the award came in the form of both a portrait of Applebaum executed by Charles Pachter and a soapstone sculpture by Inuit artist David Ruben Piqtoukun entitled *Rising Above*.

As gala chairman Virginia Solomon pointed out, the significance of the sculpture's perfect circle is the artist exploring our existence and through his/her art, furnishing a reawakening of the human spirit.

In choosing Applebaum as this year's recipient, the JCC selected a man whose achievements have gone far beyond the narrow horizons of his particular sphere of interest. By the end of the tribute, one came away dazzled by Applebaum's enrichment of the artistic life of this country.

As composer, Applebaum used his talents to breathe life into two enterprises that have become Canadian cultural icons. As the first music director for both the National Film Board (1941-46) and Stratford Festival (1953-60), he set the standard by which all who followed him would be judged.

Applebaum also proved himself an able administrator; his tenure as executive director for the Ontario Arts Council (1971-79) coincided with an enlightened policy towards the welfare of the province's cultural community.

Overseeing the event was master of ceremonies Donald MacSween, a writer/arts consultant, who proved to be the wittiest of hosts. "If music be the food of love," said MacSween quoting Shakespeare, "then Louis Applebaum must be the Mr. Grocer of music!"

With this laugh line, the informal and friendly tone of the evening was set. Applebaum was getting his tribute, but it would not be without gentle jests and warm-hearted barbs at the composer's expense.

MacSween was also responsible for such clever one-liners as "the sharps and flats of outrageous fortune" and "Applebaum on the Avon."

The gala's format included both reminiscences by Applebaum's colleagues representing various aspects of his life, interspersed with performances by leading Toronto-based artists covering a wide spectrum of the arts.

The latter category saw a duet by modern dancers Robert Desrosiers and Sonya Delwaide and a pas de deux by the National Ballet's Gizella Witlowsky and Serge Lavoie.

Stratford's Juan Chioran accompanied by Berthold Carriere, the present music director, sang songs composed by Applebaum, while actress Goldie Semple performed a monologue from *The Taming of the Shrew*. Classical pianist Arthur Ozolins played and opera singer Louis Quilico sang.

From Gene DiNovi came an impromptu jazz rendition of the famous *Fanfare* on the piano. Personal tributes came from actor Douglas Campbell, TV director Norman Campbell and the JCC's chairman, Bernard Kamin.

Lou Applebaum himself had the last word and brought home the underlying message of the evening — that in a world heading into insanity and foolhardiness, the arts have an ever-increasing important part to play in our lives. The value of a country is its people, and the value of the artist is that he utilizes this human capital to its utmost advantage.

## *Audience applauded politely*

# War casts pallor on Carlebach show

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the guitar-toting Torah-touting guru of gevalt, wafted into the Leah Posluns Theatre on Rosh Chodesh Adar to share an emotional evening of his music and mystical musings.

Looking gray-haired and grandfatherly, and not nearly as funky as in years past, Rabbi Carlebach performed a selection from his vast repertoire of *niggunim*, many of which are now standards at simchas and in synagogue liturgy.

The multi-generational mostly *frum* crowd filling two-thirds of the 440-seat theatre applauded politely.

Organizers of the benefit concert for the Village Shul reported all tickets were sold. But many purchasers evidently viewed the admission price as a donation.

There was none of the fevor and estatic audience dancing and singing which is Rabbi Carlebach's hallmark. That passion, forged in the crucible of the Holocaust, erupted after the Six Day War.

For some three decades, the Berlin-born pan piper of ba'alei teshuva has been adding his shalom to the aging hippie refrains of peace and love.

In 1967, he founded The House of Love and Prayer in San Francisco, and became the unofficial rabbi of the city's flower children.

A now legendary if somewhat avant-garde figure, Rabbi Carlebach trailblazed a spiritual path reaching from the lost world of the shtetl through the streets of Haight-Ashbury to the courtyards of Jerusalem.

He now splits his time between Mevo Modi'im, a moshav he founded in the Judean Hills in 1977, and his New York touring base.

Rabbi Carlebach's pop culture charisma and modern-day midrashim — apocalyptic and apocryphal tales of holiness and imminent messianic redemption — sparked a generation of alienated youth to seek their return to Judaism.

Setting to music verses from the siddur, Tanach and other sacred texts, Carlebach — who comes from a distinguished line of German rabbis — became a prolific composer of melodies, some dirge-like and others joyful.

Struggling to overcome the pallor cast by the Gulf War, Rabbi Carlebach seemed at times almost melancholy.

Embracing his teenaged daughters who live in Toronto, Neshama (soul) and Nedara (precious), he declared, "The Master of the world is preparing great miracles for us.

"After this is all over, I hope maybe the human world, not the political world which I gave up on long ago, will wake up and realize Israel is special."

Turning wistful, he described how beautiful life will be when the Messiah comes. But till then, "The Torah is in exile. Yiddishkeit is in exile."

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach


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Starring in Those Were The Days, the new Broadway English-Yiddish musical revue are (from left) Bruce Adler, Robert Abelson and Lori Wilner.

# Yiddish-English musical revue traces roots of Jewish music, theatre

By
**GERRY MORRIS**
*The CJN New York theatre critic. Member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.*

**NEW YORK —**

*Those Were The Days* is a contemporary Yiddish-English musical revue tracing the Jewish music and theatre experience from the shtetl to Second Avenue and Broadway.

Memorable melodies, old stories, and other jokes intermingled with laughs and tears were the stock and trade of Jewish theatre, and to this day they joyfully remain a hallowed musical journey into old-fashioned Jewish vaudeville.

*Those Were The Days* is custom tailored to the lively talents of five theatre veterans, all of whom have close ties to their Jewish roots. With fine ensemble play they create a traditional taste of the halcyon days when the Yiddish theatre was going strong on New York's Lower East Side.

The first half of the show represents the impoverished yet cohesive shtetl life of the Jews, using stories of Sholom Aleichem and I.L. Peretz. One story is about two hungry boys in a small town who are competing with each other's fantasies about their rich uncle. Of course there are no uncles, no food, no money.

The second half is irresistible music hall material that has been directly influenced by the roots of the shtetl. Woody Allen, Neil Simon, Billy Crystal and Jackie Mason are just a few of the talents who trace their humor back to the shtetl period.

Conversely, old timers such as Eddie Cantor, Danny Kaye, George Jessel and Al Jolson were influenced by the Second Avenue's Yiddish theatre, which was subsequently nurtured by vaudeville and burlesque.

Propelled by the rhythmical beat of Zalmen Mlotek's Golden Land Klezmer Orchestra, *Those Were The Days* wears its Yiddishkeit on its sleeve as it nonchalantly assumes that its audience can hum the melodies, guess the punchlines and, most importantly, appreciate the context.

Most of the show is made up of Russian and Polish songs and of Yiddish theatre songs from America and Poland.

There is the title song, which was a big hit in the '60s and *Bei Mir Bis Du Shain* (originally composed for the Yiddish theatre in the '30s), made famous in the '40s by The Andrew Sisters.

Mina Bern, who recently appeared in the film **Avalon**, is a seasoned veteran of the Yiddish theatre, and she virtually steals the show with two touching folk songs, followed by an English language monologue about an elderly widow whose wealthy children draw lots to see who will take care of her.

Other special moments belong to two young women. Lori Wilner sings the familiar *Papirosn* with unusual eloquence, and Eleanor Reissa (she's the choreographer and director) delivers a haunting Sophie Tucker treatment of *My Yiddishe Mama*, and a lovely rendition of *Yosl, Yosl*.

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If you have tears, prepare to shed them when you see Elijah Moshinsky's flawless stage production of William Nicholson's play *Shadowlands*.

It is a deeply moving real-life story of British philosopher-author C. S. Lewis, and one of his most passionate American correspondents, the Jewish-American poet Joy Davidman.

As the play opens we observe Lewis as as dyed-in-the wool bachelor, a securely cocooned, corduroy-clad Oxford professor, who lectures on such penetrating matters as the validity of faith and the treacherous nature of love and pain. ("Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world.")

He has also written scholarly works on love but never experienced its emotional depth, mainly because he feared that getting too close to a woman might upset his well structured and protected existence.

Then into this charmed life, during the inhibited '50s, steps his intellectual equal, warm-hearted Joy Davidman. Davidman is a minor poet but a major personality, a forthright American divorcee with a sharp and lively tongue, and an ebullient personality that complement his lumbering, buttoned-down world of Oxford old boys.

The sharp-spoken and attractive divorcee soon cracks his icy exterior with some of the play's wittiest exchanges, and before long they become friends, then neighbors, and ultimately soulmates.

When British immigration authorities threaten to expel Davidman from England, Lewis marries her secretly so she might be allowed to settle in Oxford, though the two continue to live as if they were not married. But what began as a marriage of convenience develops into a loving and committed relationship.

When Davidman falls ill with bone cancer the grief-stricken Lewis gradually discovers what he is about to lose. They savor their precious four years together that both came to consider the most gratifying imaginable, heightened by the aching awareness that it wasn't to last.

The heart and soul of Nicholson's writing are given poignant expression by British actor Nigel Hawthorne as the tweeded academic. Jane Alexander, the distinguished American actress, has never been better as the unflappable Joy Davidman.

Forget the literary trappings: this is a heart-wrenching love story that reveals the brief, fragile bliss of one of life's most cherished experiences. There is nothing in this Broadway season that offers anything so dramatically endearing.

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# Arts

Joe Mantegna and Mia Farrow in Alice.

# *Mia Farrow helps turn Alice into Allen classic*

## Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Woody Allen never seems at a loss for fresh material, even when you sometimes get the inescapable feeling that he is repeating himself. In *Alice*, the master shows off his fetching wares yet again. Dare I say it is one of his better movies? After all, aren't virtually all his films more or less priceless?

*Alice*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is written and directed by Allen. It is his magical mystery tour of an upper-class woman's psyche and her whimsical journey of self-discovery. My only regret is that he does not deign to appear in the film.

By all indicators, *Alice* is vintage Woody Allen, being a rousing comedy brimming over with bright dialogue, arresting characters and zany situations.

Alice (Mia Farrow) is a an Upper West Side Manhattan matron who seems to have it all — a rich husband, two fine children, a beautiful apartment filled with expensive furniture and closets of designer clothes, a cook, a chauffeur, a physical therapist and a gaggle of like-minded friends.

But life isn't perfect, is it? Her marriage of 16 years to Doug (William Hurt) seems to be faltering. Doug is self-satisfied, smug, patronizing. An old-fashioned man, he believes that lengthy luncheons with the girls and languid manicures will meet Alice's needs. He doesn't realize that Alice, a prissy, repressed lady with a proper Catholic school background, has reached "a crossroad" and that she is "lost, lost." Apart from all that, Alice is troubled by a recurring sore ache.

Referred to Dr. Yang (Keye Luke), an inscrutable Chinese acupuncturist and diagnostician, Alice finds solace in hypnotism and Oriental herbs. Under Dr. Yang's soothing influence, Alice is catapulted into a phantasmagoric adventure in time and space. Freed of her crippling inhibitions, she meets a divorced saxaphonist whose effect on her is nothing less than startling.

Joe (Joe Mantegna), the jazz musician in question, is no great catch. He's not really handsome. He lacks social cachet. But Joe, unlike Doug, listens to Alice and also appreciates her. Shedding her guilt feelings and her fears, Alice takes the plunge, establishing an intimate relationship with Joe.

At the same time, she pursues a long-standing interest in writing, contributing scripts to an old but insincere and self-absorbed friend (Cybill Shepherd) and cable TV executive who really doesn't have the time of day for her.

As you might imagine, *Alice* is not a conventional picture. Thanks to Dr. Yang's rare herbs, Alice has the ability to float over the twinkling Manhattan skyline and to render herself invisible. By necessity, the viewer must indulge Allen in order to appreciate this artistic leap into the realm of fantasy, but it's worth the effort. Allen uses Alice's invisibility — a not-so-original concept, admittedly — to make a devastatingly funny commentary on blase New York taxi drivers.

But Allen doesn't stop there. He rakes Alice's spoiled, catty friends over the coals, exposing their ennui, their fecklessness. It is a neat, nifty piece of social satire.

*Alice* is invariably amusing. Two notable scenes come to mind. The first is when Alice, tremulous and school-girlish, is on the verge of consummating her affair with Joe and can only think of the saintly Mother Theresa. The second is when a disbelieving Alice is courted by a clutch of breathless suitors who edge in on her at a crowded dinner party.

Mia Farrow, of course, is at the centre of attention in *Alice*. She glides along effortlessly and guilelessly, penetrating the soul of her character. It is a bravura performance, one that establishes her as an actress of some weight. *Alice* marks Farrow's eleventh appearance in a Woody Allen picture. We can only hope it won't be the last.

Among others, the placid William Hurt and the astonishingly lovely Cybill Shepherd deliver more than merely pat performances.

*Alice* throbs to the beat of exquisite music. Melodies like *Limehouse Blues, Moonglow, Caravan* and *Will You Still Be Mine* endow this movie with a quality of wistfulness that stays with you long after the last credit lines have faded away.

Woody Allen directs a scene from Alice.

### SNIPPETS

French actor Gerard Depardieu runs away with *Green Card*, Peter Weir's sunny comedy set in New York City. Depardieu, in his first English-speaking role, portrays a Frenchman who enters into a marriage of convenience with a shy horticulturist (Andie MacDowell) so that he can obtain a green card and continue living in the United States. Depardieu is shambling and avuncular, a teddy bear of a man who charms at the drop of a hat. I have yet to figure out how he does it.

Now playing at the Famous Players chain, *Green Card* burnishes Weir's reputation as a director of note. His previous credits include *The Year of Living Dangerously* and *Dead Poets Society*.

*Has improved Israeli society*

# Project Renewal's birth documented

## Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

**Distant Partners: Community Change Throughout Project Renewal, by Ben W. Lappin & Morton I. Teicher, University Press of America $23 paperback.**

In 1977 Menachem Begin challenged the Jews of the world to participate in an experiment called Project Renewal. Why shouldn't the Diaspora join with the State of Israel in attempting to raise the socio-economic status of immigrants and reduce poverty and privation?

The idea called for concerned Diaspora communities to be twinned with specific Israeli towns or villages that were in dire need of help and direction.

Not only would assistance be provided, but communities — largely in North America — would feel greater emotional and personal ties with "their own" struggling group of Jews.

*Distant Partners* tells a continually absorbing story in the form of a documentary — diary of what went on in Kfar Oranim (Or Akiva) with the help of the money and inspiration provided by the Jews of Croydon (Miami).

From 1981 to 1983, Prof. Ben Lappin, well known to many Canadians for his social work in Toronto and Israel, served as Croydon's representative in Kfar Oranim.

As liaison-consultant Lappin's job was to make sure that the close to a million dollars a year provided by Croydon was spent properly and that the residents of the twinned community were being helped to greater maturity as citizens and as part of a strengthened Israeli society.

Kfar Oranim, located close to the ancient city of Junius (now the site of one of the wealthiest communities in Israel), is on the Mediterranean coast, half way between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

### *Russian Jews*

It developed from a ma'abara (a temporary residence for new immigrants) and in 1981 its approximately 5,000 residents came largely from Morocco and Romania. There was also a group of Russian Jews from the Caucasus Mountains known as "Kafkazim" who preferred isolation from other elements in the community.

Lappin's diary chronicles the problems of an experienced, patient, well-meaning and competent outsider who was bedeviled by unending frustrations and bureaucratic red tape.

"Practitioners from different fields were brought together evoking co-operation and competition, inspired by the often clashing interests of politicians, civil servants, volunteers and indigenous leaders."

In February 1983, President Navon visited the Kfar to great excitement and jubilation. A youth orchestra played, the president toured the community centre, and Sephardic women trilled their voices in ululation.

"The president arrives and people rush to shake his hand. He is obviously much-loved. Uri leads him into the building where he spends 10 minutes. On the way out, a man addresses him in Russian and, to everyone's surprise, the president responds in Russian. Uri tells me that, inside, the president spoke to the Ashkenazi old people in Yiddish."

Lappin is convinced that Project Renewal, at least as he experienced it, has been a qualified success. Many physical improvements have been made in Kfar Ornim. Housing is better. Daycare centres have been expanded, a dental clinic is functioning and educational facilities have been improved.

He is especially impressed by the heightened participation in community affairs by residents of the town. Their capacity for decision making has been substantially strengthened.

This carefully documented sociological study is an affirmative report about an experiment that has gone well. It may be just a tiny example in the vast scheme of international aid, but it shows what can be done. It points the way to mutual help and understanding in building a more equitable and just society in Israel and around the world.

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# N.Y. museums beckon in winter

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

NEW YORK —
Walking the streets of Manhattan in 70-plus degree weather in early February was almost as good as a trip to Jamaica. The sun was shining, people were smiling and all seemed right with the world.

The weather was so wonderful that it seemed sacrilegious to go indoors, but New York's fabulous museums beckoned.

One tourist guide lists no fewer than 63 museums in the five boroughs, about 50 of which are in Manhattan. They range from the new American Museum of Immigration on Liberty Island (formerly Ellis Island) to the Hall of Chinese History in Chinatown to the New York City Fire Museum on Spring Street, with everything else in between.

"Museum Mile," on Fifth Avenue, from 70th Street to 104th Street, are strung along like a row of beads. While it would be difficult to see all nine on one day, several can be fitted into an afternoon.

Smack in the middle of the "mile," at 92nd Street is the Jewish Museum, which displays one of the country's finest Judaica collections. It features paintings, coins, sculpture, decorative arts and two floors of rotating exhibits.

The Frick Collection at 1 East 70th St. is the favorite museum of many New Yorkers and is a good place to start the walk.

The eclectic and very fine art collection includes several Rembrandts and other European masterpieces and is housed in the mansion of the late steel magnate Henry Clay Frick.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art (familiarly known as MOMA) is undoubtedly one of the world's finest art museums. It contains over three million works which span the history of art from ancient civilization to the present. One visit is never enough and when one must rest, the courtyard of the American Wing is an ideal spot.

When the Guggenheim Museum first opened about 30 years ago, it elicited many cries of horror. Its eliptical shape and ultra-modern collection were not easy for conservatives to take.

But it's overcome all the objections and has taken its rightful place in the art world. Unfortunately for the prospective visitor, the museum is currently closed for renovations and is not expected to reopen until the late fall.

Other museums along the strip include the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, which has the country's most important collection of decorative arts and the design branch of the Smithsonian Institution; the International Center of Photography for photographic art; the Museum of the City of New York, which documents the city's history since its days as a Dutch trading post, and El Museo del Barrio at 104th Street, which is the only museum in the United States devoted to Puerto Rican and Latin American art and culture.

The Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum is housed in an aircraft carrier used in the Second World War and Vietnam and now docked at Pier 86 of Hudson River. A giant technological and historic museum, it exhibits artifacts of 20th century warfare.

For those who don't mind going farther afield, The Cloisters at Fort Toyon Park in the Washington Heights area, with its comprehensive collection of medieval art and architecture, is well worth the trip. The collection includes parts of five medieval monasteries.

The Brooklyn Museum, formerly known as the Brooklyn Children's Museum and a long-time favorite with schoolchildren, has a vast collection of traditional art from ancient Egypt, Africa, North America and the Oceanic people, as well as an outdoor sculpture garden. Its array of mummies and proximity to the Botanical Garden still appeal to the younger set.

Youngsters also love the Children's Museum of Manhattan on West 83rd Street. It's a hands-on learning experience for children of all ages. Among the favorite areas are the Nature and Pet Care Center; the Art Studio and the Brainatarium in the Main Exhibition Hall, a one-of-a-kind animated film, light, sound and laser show that includes 50 activity stations.

Since the recession has hit the museum world even more strongly than the business community, many of these institutions are reducing their open days and increasing admission fees. It's wise to call for details on fees and hours before venturing forth.

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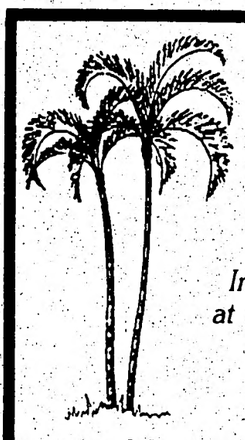
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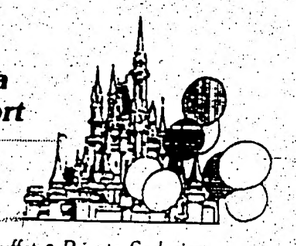
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By
PATRICIA CARTER

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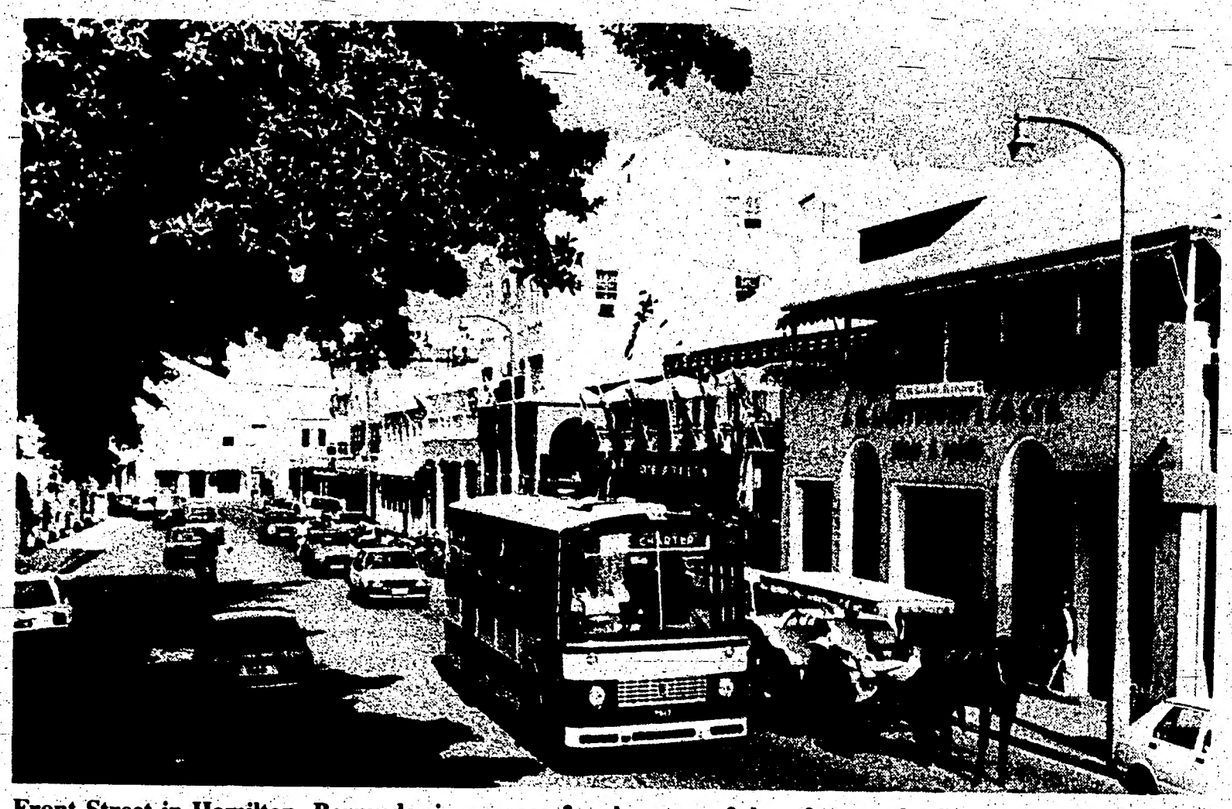
Bermuda is referred to as an island, but is actually several small dots joined by bridges, causeways, and ferry boats. The whole area's only 35 kilometres (22 miles) long and rarely more than four kilometres (two miles) wide. At the centre of it all is Hamilton, the capital, and any tour's logical starting place.



**Front Street in Hamilton, Bermuda, is a mecca for shoppers of duty-free goods, fine china and woolens.**

The best way to see Hamilton is on foot. Stroll the well-manicured sidewalks of Front street, where stores are stocked with an irresistible array of top-quality jewelry, linens, cosmetics, and classic clothing from around the world.

You may find yourselves spending more than one afternoon browsing for treasures — perhaps the platter that will complete your china service, or a small gold charm bracelet. You can refresh yourselves at one of the pubs and restaurants strategically set among the shops. Order up a couple of Rum Swizzles, a fruity yet potent red punch that will have you back pounding the pavement in no time.

Although shopping is often the main event in town, there's a lot more to Hamilton than crystal and cashmere. Behind the boutiques lies the world of Bermudian commerce and government.

Those men you see rushing about in Bermuda shorts (with jacket and tie), and those women in smart silk dresses aren't on vaction; they're bankers, lawyers, accountants, and administrators tending to business.

For a better understanding of what Hamilton is all about, combine your shopping with a tour of the town's cultural and historical highlights, starting with city hall, the art gallery located upstairs, and the Bermuda Cathedral, filled with unusual altar screens created by local artists.

One of the easiest and most relaxing ways to get around is by horse-drawn carriage. You can pick up a surrey with fringe on top at the Front Street stand near the flagpole by A. S. Coopers & Sons department store. The drivers are experienced guides, and happy to set out on a leisurely clip-clop.

When it's time to venture beyond Hamilton, your best bet is a taxi (ask about day rates) or moped. Head east on Front Street, which soon melts into Middle Road — one of the three arteries that run parallel along the island's length.

Middle Road will lead you into the verdant hills and marshlands of Devonshire Parish. Its old churches, parks and local shops might remind you of the original Devon, in England.

Continue east to Flatts Village, in Smith's Parish, for a session with some stately homes, including the 18th-century residence called Verdmont, complete with expansive lawns and white columns.

Take a moment to inspect the antiques, all of them pieces of Bermuda's history, that fill the mansion. If you have some extra time, stop to see the animals at the nearby Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo, and visit the outstanding collection of fish and tropical birds.

Your next stop, neighboring Hamilton Parish, is only a few miles down Middle Road, which eventually turns into North Shore Road. The parish is just about surrounded by water — one side faces the Atlantic Ocean, and the other fronts Harrington Sound.

There's plenty to do in this bustling area, starting with a visit to the Glass Blowing Studio and the Bermuda Perfumery. Then go underground at Leamington Caves, where eerie and colorful stalagmites and stalactites will dazzle you.

The final leg of this eastern swing takes you past the airport and on into historic St. George's. According to the history books, this is where a group of colonists bound for Jamestown, Virginia, were shipwrecked in 1609.

Hop aboard the *Deliverance II*, a replica of the ship the colonists built for the journey onward to America — she sits in the harbor near Old Town Hall. Afterwards, meander through the twisting cobblestone streets, where you'll find sweet cottages, flowered walkways, and wonderful old street names . . . Shinbone Alley, Old Maid's Lane, and Slippery Hill.

Another day, head west from Hamilton along the South Shore Road and admire the beaches in Warwick and Southampton Parishes — there are plenty of little alcoves where you can park your mopeds, then scramble down a short slope to your own sandy hideaway.

When you reach Sinky Bay, turn onto Lighthouse Road and follow it up to Gibb's Hill Lighthouse, the unofficial symbol of the island. The lighthouse is still operative, and you can climb to the top and help bring ships safely to shore.

Beyond Southampton, South Shore Road becomes Middle Road, leading you into a remote parish called Sandys. Drive straight until you get to the main village of Somerset, where you can cross the Somerset Bridge, the smallest extension bridge in the world (it opens just wide enough for a skinny sailboat mast).

Beyond the bridge, at the very tip of the island (next stop North Carolina), you'll find a Maritime Museum, the Bermuda Arts Centre, and a ferry stop, where you and your mopeds can hitch a scenic ride back to Hamilton.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By ARNOLD POLAN

Self-directed Registered Retirement Savings Plans are a popular topic at this time of year.

It is often confusing to sort through the numerous features that are discussed and the opinions offered by various experts on whether they are a good idea or not. The bottom line is that self-directed plans are good for some people, and not for others, just like any other kind of investment.

The fact is that many investors give less thought to where they invest the funds they have earmarked for an RRSP than to where they buy their groceries. It is human nature to delay considering the alternatives, and to find a last-minute solution at the contribution deadline on March 1.

However, these are not the best criteria for evaluating the type of RRSP you invest in this year. Your RSP contribution is likely the most important money you spend each year. Shouldn't you take the time to consider how you spend it?

Here are some facts about self-directed RRSPs. Self-directed plans allow the investor to construct his or her own portfolio by choosing from a wide range of investments. It is usually recommended that you have at least $15,000 in RRSP funds accumulated before you arrange a self-directed plan. This allows for proper diversification and justifies the administrative fee charged by most financial institutions for these plans.

A self-directed RRSP can be tailored to fit your needs because you have a wide range of investments from which to choose and the flexibility to structure your portfolio any way you wish. Qualified investments range from GICs and government-guaranteed investments — such as coupons, mortgage-backed securities and government bonds — to equities and mutual funds for growth.

You can even hold the mortgage on your own home as an investment within your self-directed plan. Self-directed plans also make it easier to include a foreign component in your RRSP portfolio.

A self-directed RRSP also gives you the flexibility to alter the investment mix within your portfolio to take advantage of changing market conditions.

This flexibility can make a substantial difference in performance and in the growth of your RRSP assets over time.

Self-directed plans are usually more flexible when it comes to making contributions and withdrawals as well.

For example, if you do not have the cash available to make your RRSP contribution, with a self-directed plan you can contribute assets you already own such as Canada Savings Bonds and stock (provided they are RRSP-eligible). The amount of your contribution will be equal to the fair market value of the investment on the day it is contributed to the RRSP.

Along those same lines, although you are theoretically supposed to leave the funds in your RRSP intact until you retire, emergencies do occur. It can be much easier to make a withdrawal from a self-directed plan than it is from other types of RRSPs.

When determining whether a self-directed RRSP is right for you, consider the types of performance you require, your tolerance for risk and your level of interest and expertise.

If you require maximum performance from your RRSP, are willing to assume a little extra risk in return for the potential of enhanced returns without losing sleep at night and are interested in managing your own RRSP portfolio (with the advice of a qualified financial professional), a self-directed RRSP may be the answer for you.

On the other hand, if you are a conservative investor and prefer to simply make a deposit and know the rate of return your funds will be earning, a deposit-type plan might be best. The important thing is to choose a plan that meets your goals and comfort level.

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# *Official denies three-year plan for the territories*

**JERUSALEM (JPFS) —**

The Housing Ministry plans to build several thousand homes in the territories over the next three years, but far fewer than the 12,000 that left wing MKs Dedi Zucker (Citizens' Rights Movement) and Haim Oron (Mapam) have alleged, Deputy Minister Avraham Ravitz says.

He called the Zucker-Oron allegations, which set alarms ringing in the U.S. State Department, "simply speculation," because the ministry has never had a "three-year plan" for the territories.

The ministry does not direct immigrants to the territories, but if they want to move there, nothing is stopping them.

"[New immigrants] can use their rights to build a home in, for instance, Ariel, like any other young Israeli couple can," he said. Private groups also have the right to build homes for immigrants in the territories, he added.

The ministry will build 2,000 homes in the territories during fiscal 1991, but beyond that it has not finalized plans, Ravitz said. The majority of the homes will be prefabricated units, as traditional at settlements.

"The ministry builds in the territories in response to the needs of the population of the territories, or Israelis who want to move there, to the same extent as has been done in the past," Ravitz said.


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# Business Outlook

## *Caution mandatory when selecting German firm to file property claim*

By
ROBERT LEVY

Selecting a German lawyer to deal with property claims in the former German Democratic Republic (the GDR) can be very difficult.

Let me illustrate:

My client's family fled Berlin in early January 1939, with the Nazis at their heels. The father had owned an apartment building in East Berlin and had not sold it prior to fleeing. Following the war, a West Berlin lawyer had been retained to try to reclaim the property, but was unsuccessful.

At the land registry office and the state finance department, both in East Berlin, I had learned that the apartment building had been registered in the father's name until 1981 when it was taken over by the state.

The records also showed that some repairs had been made prior to the confiscation. I was told that because the "banks" refused to loan any additional funds for these repairs, the state had been "required" to confiscate the property. These were the usual fictions created by the East German government to take over private property.

The last week before the Oct. 13, 1990 deadline for filing claims, my client and I went to Berlin. We first met with a West Berlin sole practitioner who advised that German translations of the Canadian last wills and testaments of my client's parents would have to be quickly obtained. In fact, this had already been taken care of by the original West Berlin lawyer who had submitted an application to the West Berlin court.

When asked about the charges involved with making the necessary applications, the lawyer said that West Berlin notaries worked with a tariff based on the value of the file. Given that properties in East Germany are difficult to evaluate, this arrangement could not accurately provide any estimation of the true costs.

### *Practices differ*

The next lawyer had been recommended by the Berlin mayor's office and had been quoted in a respected international newspaper. He was willing to handle the file as long as we decided to retain him that day.

His fee was DM 6,000 ($4,600), half payable immediately and the balance payable in six months whether or not any additional work had been done or the property had been recovered.

We then met with an East Berlin lawyer, who had recently set up his own law office with two other lawyers. They had no experience with private clients and the usual activities of the lawyers in the West.

The lawyers explained that it was necessary to know the former GDR laws in order to understand the way a particular property was taken over. Since all actions by the state were authorized by law, all attempts to recover seized property would have to be dealt with according to the particular laws and circumstances surrounding the seizure.

It is also necessary to know West German laws, which apply since Oct. 3, 1990 (the date the two Germanys were unified). There is a lengthy unification treaty which deals with these claims.

East German lawyers are at a great disadvantage in this respect since they are not familiar with West German laws and have no experience in the application of these laws through the West German court system. They must also work with the outdated East German telecommunications system which makes calls even from West Berlin to East Berlin unpredictable.

It was the practice of yet another law office to charge DM 1,500 ($1,200) for the application; the actual fee would be equal to 10 per cent of the value of the property recovered. I was shocked by this figure since it was likely that many properties will be very valuable.

Finally, we were referred to a large, well-regarded firm, where we were met by one of the senior partners. Prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall, he had specialized in the laws of the GDR.

His firm had set up a special team to deal with East German property claims. He and his partners felt the tariff system was inadequate to deal with costs in these situations and that it was more appropriate to base charges on time spent at an established hourly rate. We agreed, and my client retained this firm.

### March 31 deadline

I concluded that what was required was a West Berlin firm large enough to have the necessary support personnel to deal with this type of claim, as well as the modern facilities to provide easy communication.

The firm should be able to receive instructions and respond in English. The firm should also have experience with the GDR's laws since they will continue to be relevant for property claims, and it will be the East German bureaucracy untangling these claims.

It is not too late for Canadians to begin processing claims for the restoration of property once owned by them or to which they may have a claim.

Oct. 13, 1990 was established as a filing deadline for properties confiscated or lost after 1945; however, following reunification, Germany adopted a new regulation for victims of Nazi persecution.

This regulation allows claims to be filed until March 31, 1991, where property was lost through forced sale, confiscation or otherwise from January 1933 until May 8, 1945 because of racial, political or religious persecution.

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## Antiques old hat to Wagmans

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

For almost 25 years, the Wagman family business has been delighting antique collectors with their historical pieces.

What started as a hobby for Stanley Wagman soon grew into an impressive company that would involve both his father and his son.

In 1966, Wagman began selling antiques from his home, and two years later, he founded his first store on Eglinton Avenue in Toronto.

As the company grew, larger spaces had to be sought in order to house the merchandise. Wagman moved his business from the Eglinton Avenue area to the Four Seasons Hotel on Avenue Road (then the Hyatt Regency) where it flourished for a 10-year span.

The business spent another 10 fruitful years in the Yorkville area before moving to its present location at 111 Avenue Road last May.

Over the years, the company has become well-established in the Toronto area and has built an impressive clientele.

Wagman's father, Al Wagman, joined the firm 15 years ago, and Warren, his son, has been working with the family for eight years.

Asked to name his favorite piece in the collection, Wagman, after careful deliberation, pointed to one of the many chandeliers. Constructed of bronze and crystal and decorated in those materials with bows and ribbons, this particular item was found in France. Wagman has had it in his collection for the past three months.

He said all the purchasing for the business is done out of Canada but added that his buyers have their regular haunts in addition to attending specific fairs and auctions.

When asked what future generations would think of the present day decorative pieces 100 years from now, Wagman said they would think they are "throw-aways . . . rubbish".

He continued to say that the perfect mix would combine a few choice antiques with modern furniture. This type of combination would mean the antiques would stand out as pieces of art.

Some of the choice pieces that caught this reporter's eye included a carved oak dining table that when fully open would seat at least 18 people; a Bombe commode that dates back to the 19th century; a Chinese lacquer combination sewing, writing and games table from around the year 1810; and an antique French carved oak armoire made in 1810-20.

The sluggish economy is affecting the company. Wagman said that although people are still buying antiques, they are being cautious and careful when they make a purchase.

Given the recession, Wagman advised that anyone who is considering starting a business should start small. He added that if a new company is to succeed, the founders cannot start with a large inventory of expensive items.


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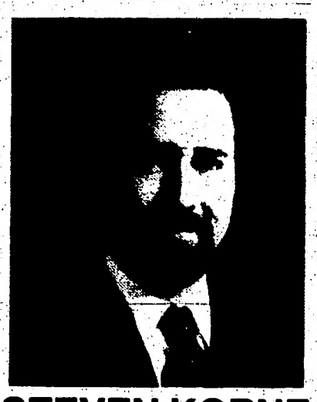
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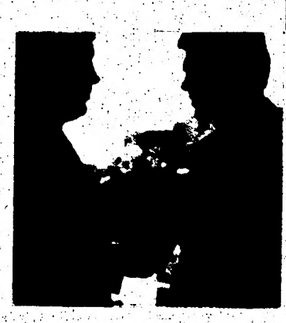
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# Business Outlook

*Three main contributory factors*

# Bank economist examines the books on the recession

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

"This is the second worse recession in Canada's post war history," said the executive vice-president and chief economist of the Bank of Montreal.

Lloyd Atkinson said the Canadian economy has been mired in recession since the second quarter of 1990 — a recession that continues to deepen.

Atkinson recently told members of the Toronto chapter of The Canadian Institute of Credit and Financial Management at an annual meeting held at the Royal York Hotel that the unemployment rate is increasing. The current figure is about 9.3 per cent, and it has not yet bottomed out.

He predicted a continuation of negative growth for the first and second quarter of 1991 before an economic recovery. Atkinson added that the recovery will be a fledging one and not significant enough to slow the rising unemployment rate.

He also predicted that the current recession will not be as long or deep as the one Canadians experienced in 1981-82

Atkinson told his audience that it is not difficult to discern what prompted the present slowdown in the economy.

One factor that contributed to the recession was high interest rates. Atkinson said they were high coming into the recession, and now, despite decreases, the reduction has not served to induce borrowing.

Another significant factor that led the way to the recession was the 12 cent increase in value of the Canadian dollar.

Atkinson said because of this double whammy "it's not surprising the Canadian economy bit the dust."

Another factor that will have a profound impact is the slowdown in the American economy. Atkinson said the length and depth of that recession will influence the economic recovery in Canada.

"Why then, in the face of this kind of weakness, was John Crow (governor of the Bank of Canada) so slow in dropping the interest rates?

Atkinson said that along with these factors it was commonly acknowledged that the Goods and Service Tax (GST) would be an inflationary hit.

He explained that while the GST was designed to replace the manufacturers' tax with manufacturers passing that reduction along, some assurance was needed to prove that a wage spiral would not occur.

"However, when the labor market was dealing with unemployment, any GST-related concerns would take a backseat. I think this was part of the game plan."

He said that if there were a weak economy going into the GST, once the numbers cleared and an initial inflation increase occurred, that inflation rate would then unwind. He said this was one element that played into Crow's delay.

Another factor to take into consideration is the effect the Gulf War will have on oil prices. Atkinson said that despite the horrors of war, the increase in oil prices will have an effect on wages. In essence, a substanial, long-term increase in oil prices will echo through society.

What does all this mean for 1991 economic outlook?

"The impact of these factors will be substantial. We will see a further reduction in interest rates. There will be a short-term, influence-based U.S. interest rates and economic slowdown.

"However, the decline in Canadian rates will see the bank prime down to single digits by the end of the year. The underlying inflation rate will be effected by the GST, wage settlements and oil prices.

"The general picture then will include a narrowing of Canadian and U.S. interest rates on the same scale. This, in turn, will contribute to the weakening of the Canadian dollar.

"Before the year end, our dollar will be worth under 80 cent (U.S). This means there are prospects of a strong recovery."

Atkinson attributed what he predicted would be a "healthy recovery into 1992" not only to lower interest rates and the Canadian dollar but also to the benefits from the GST.

However, at that time people will claim that the country is in a major recession because the unemployment rate will be around 10½ per cent and rising, he said.

One difficult element to judge is political stability not only in Canada but the Gulf, too. All will be contributing influences as far as investment markets and inflation are concerned, he said.

# *Mode Accessories Show is popular with retailers*

TORONTO —

The famous seven-year span that is said to recycle styles within the fashion industry has hit again, however in this instance, the timing is a little off.

Almost 30 years later, either for better or worse, society is seeing the styles of the 1960s re-emerge in both the fashion and accessory industries.

The Mode Accessories Show, held recently at the Queen Elizabeth Building in Toronto, exhibited the once-popular clashing colors, busy patterns and flashy styles that lent life to the flower power of the hippies.

From the floral daisies to the head bands and wild leggings; from the Jackie Kennedy structured handbags to the short, white gloves and pill box hats, it seems that most accessory designers have jumped on the '60s revival bandwagon.

Esther Brooks, one of the organizers of the show, said that despite the drop in the number of exhibitors, the turnout was impressive. The number of people who attended the show was 2,808 compared to the 2,657 people who attended the show last May.

In total, the number of exhibitors has dropped to 96 from 265 designers. Brooks attributed this staggering decrease to the effect of Canada's recession upon the industry.

In addition to the revival of the '60s, Brooks cited two other underlying themes — Victorian accessories and influences from the sea — that were popular among designers.

The nautical motifs that can be found on items such as leggings and hats use materials such as pearls, coral and anchors. Brooks said the colors also reflect this theme through the use of aquamarine and turquoise.

Some of the unique products that will be available for summer in the way of accessories are watches that run only when they are filled with water, scented earrings and perfume wands.

Brooks said part of the reason behind the impressive turnout may be the show's new cash-and-carry policy.

She said research shows that retailers like the immediacy of the cash-and-carry market as this presents them with the opportunity to buy in small quantities closer to the time of need.

She added that it is used as a selling tool. If the merchandise the retailer purchases sells quickly at the retail level, there is plenty of time left in the season to reorder the same stock in larger quantities.

Brooks said the new designer pavilion is another aspect of the show that is successful. As a result of the joint sponsorship by the City of Toronto Fashion Industry Liaison Committee and the Mode show's management, several new Canadian designers are given a chance to be showcased.

She said this is mutually beneficial to both the exhibitor and the retailers. On one hand, the designer learns what type of merchandise to show and what pieces should be dropped. The retailers also get a feel for what accessories will be unique for the coming seasons.

Dare Accents by Calane is just one of the new designers who exhibited her wares at the Mode Show.

Desiger Catherine Bunston said that although she has been working with an agent on a small scale, the show was her first "major debut." — S.C.


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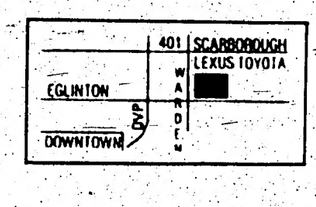


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# Business Outlook

## *Capital gains exemption popular despite changes since introduction*

Tax News

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We're sure some of our readers remember back to the days when the entire income tax return spanned one or two pages in length. Those really were the good old days! Now unfortunately, the paperwork required to report capital gains alone will make taxpayers long for those days gone by.

Individuals who disposed of capital property in 1990 may find that preparing their return may be a nightmare. The fun begins with determining whether the disposition of the property is an income or capital transaction. These days finding a gain to report may be more difficult than reporting the gain itself.

In the Canadian tax system, "a buck is not a buck." As long as the taxation of capital gains receives preferential treatment compared to the taxation of other income, taxpayers will endeavor to categorize gains on the disposition of property as capital gains.

Over the past few years, the taxation of capital gains and income are moving closer together. In particular, in 1990, 75 per cent of the gain is required to be included in income whereas income transactions are 100 per cent taxable. This contrasts with the 66⅔ per cent inclusion rate in 1989. More importantly, the continued availability of the capital gains exemption still encourages individuals to claim dispositions as capital transactions.

Revenue Canada states that capital property includes any property of value and is usually acquired for investment purposes or to earn income. Some common types of capital property include real estate and securities such as stocks and bonds.

### Rumors abound

The taxpayer's aim when purchasing the property is a key indicator of whether the sale of the property will be treated as capital. If the purchaser intends to buy the property for resale within a short period of time, the gain will likely be taxed as income, not capital.

Not all capital gains are created equal. In fact, some gains may be free of tax, thanks to the capital gains exemption. A lot has happened to this exemption since it was first introduced in 1985. It's been bruised, battered, disfigured; but it keeps on ticking. Its popularity has not waned.

However, rumors about the removal of the exemption still abound, sending shock waves of uncertainty amongst Canadian taxpayers and their advisers. This week's federal budget presents the most current threat to its survival.

Let the buyer beware. Access to the exemption is not as easy as it used to be. A myriad of complications emanate from this provision, arising primarily from the government's desire to limit abuses by restricting the availability of the exemption.

There is no doubt that Canadians should take advantage of the provision whenever possible. Just make sure you don't get caught by any of the traps set up by the government to limit an individual's access to this tax-saving measure.

The exemption is available only to individuals (other than trusts) resident in Canada. It generally applies to all capital property owned by individuals.

It is important to keep in mind that the exemption is not a "use it or lose it" proposition (unless, of course, the government revokes it). If you have a capital gain, you don't have to use the exemption. There may be circumstances where it is better to wait until a future year to use it.

### Two exceptions

For example, if the gain is on a foreign property and foreign taxes have been paid, it may be better to utilize the foreign tax credit rather than the exemption. Decisions made in this regard run the risk that the exemption will go unutilized if it is repealed.

The capital gains exemption, for dispositions of most property, now is capped at $100,000 of capital gains ($75,000 of taxable capital gains in 1990). The change in the inclusion rates for capital gains in 1990 and subsequent years does not change the fact that $100,000 of capital gains will be eligible for the exemption. This limit is cumulative and is available to each Canadian taxpayer.

There are two favorable exceptions to this $100,000 limit. Individuals who dispose of shares of a small business corporation (SBC) or qualified farm property will be eligible for an additional $400,000 exemption.

Needless to say, the government rarely gives anything away free. The requirements for obtaining the enhanced exemption for dispositions of SBC shares are onerous and should be discussed with your tax adviser if warranted. Your tax adviser. Don't leave home without him.

Taxpayers wishing to claim the exemption must file a tax return even if there is no tax payable for the year. Failing to do so may result in loss of the exemption.

If that's not bad enough, some taxpayers may find the cumulative net investment loss (CNIL) rules negate the benefits to be derived from the capital gains exemption. These rules may represent the government's strongest attempt to stop the use of the exemption.

The CNIL rules operate by reducing net taxable capital gains by other investment losses deducted by a taxpayer in order to determine the portion of the gain that is eligible for the exemption. For capital gains generated after 1987, a taxpayer will only be eligible for the exemption to the extent his cumulative net taxable gains since 1985 exceed his CNIL after 1987.

The interaction of the CNIL pool and the exemption is complicated and may make it difficult to determine a taxpayer's entitlement to the exemption in any given year. Taxpayers who generate substantial capital gains may not be affected by the CNIL rules.

The CNIL pool is cumulative and is calculated on Dec. 31 of each year. If at the end of any year the cumulative amount of investment income exceeds investment expenses, the CNIL pool will not be a factor in computing the exemption. If the reverse is true, you've got a CNIL and that may spell trouble.

Investment expenses include interest and related carrying costs incurred to earn interest income, dividends, rent or other income from property, losses from limited partnership arrangements and certain flow-through share deductions. Investment income includes any income earned from these types of passive investments.

Revenue Canada has a simple theory in this regard. It'll give you the capital gains exemption if you don't have losses from investments. But it won't let you have both. Isn't tax a lot like life.

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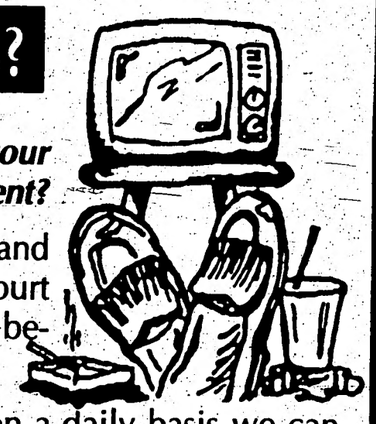

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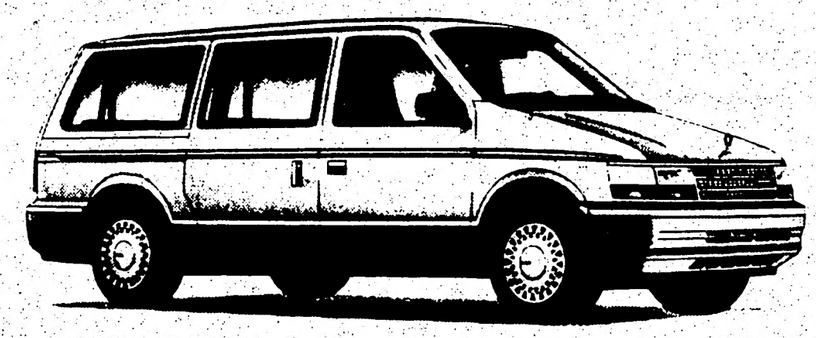

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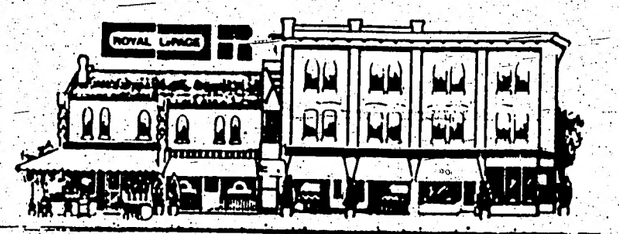

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## 55 Obituaries

**An error** was made in the obituary section of the Thursday, February 7, 1991 edition. The obituary should have read: **Schwartzberg, Cela** on January 27, 1991, late of 7460 Bathurst St., Apt. #507.

We would like to extend our sincere apology to Abraham Schwartzberg, his family and friends for this error.

**Steeles-College Memorial Chapel**

**Beer, Shalom** on February 2, 1991.
**Dohany, Gisella** on February 3, 1991, late of 120 Shelborne Ave., #311.
**Friedland, Jeshua** on February 4, 1991, late of 223 Acton Ave.
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## Men, women getting plenty of floor play

# *Jewish basketball players plentiful in current season*

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BUFFALO —

The current college basketball season is an extraordinary one — never have Jewish players been active on so many nationally-ranked teams.

Defending NCAA champion University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) is getting important floor play from reserve point guard H. Allen Waldman.

Louisiana State University (LSU) ranked 14th, also has a Jewish reserve point guard, Danny Moscovitz, 25th-ranked Seton Hall is getting a lift from 6-7 Assaf Barneau, and Gil Katz has started six games for top-30 University of Connecticut. Boston College, like Seton Hall and UConn a member of the prestigious Big East Conference, is getting a scoring lift from shooting guard Lior Arditti.

In women's basketball, Aluma Goren is the starting point guard for 24th-ranked University of Maryland, Orly Grossman is the "sixth woman" for the 18th-ranked UConn women, and 16th-ranked UNLV is getting some good reserve play from 6-3 Iris Dinerman.

That's rather impressive — but what is unusual about these Jewish athletes is that only Waldman is a home-grown product, a native of Las Vegas. The seven other college stars are all from Israel.

The Israeli presence is due to a combination of factors. Everyone knows the best brand of basketball is played in the United States, at both the professional and amateur level. The Israeli players all want to improve their games and perhaps the salaries they can demand when they return home to play in the Israeli professional league.

The Israeli women are hoping to improve their skills so their national team can show well when the world's women's basketball championship is held in their home country this summer, the Gulf War notwithstanding.

And undoubtedly, the success in 1989-90 by Israeli Nadev "Dov" Henefeld, the first Jewish All-American pick (honorable mention) in many years, attracted the Israelis. Henefeld, a 6-8 forward with point guard skills in passing and intercepting passes, was the Big East's "rookie of the year," set an NCAA record for steals by a freshman, while helping UConn to the Big East championship.

Henefeld also won the nickname of "The Gaza Stripper" for stealing the ball from opposing players. But he also received "an offer he couldn't refuse" from the professional Maccabiah Tel Aviv team, and didn't return for this season.

Bernie Fine, assistant coach of Big East member Syracuse University, said that was one reason he hadn't actively recruited any Israelis, or many foreign players: "If they're good enough to play on a good college team here, then they'll get a good professional offer and leave after one year."

Arditti is an exception. A native of Herzliya, he has played for Maccabiah Ramat Gan in Israel. Last year Boston College, he had several spectacular games — 20 points, and five steals, against UConn; 17 against Notre Dame; 21 against Dartmouth; and 16 in the loss to Pittsburgh in the Big East tournament.

### Team playing better

This year, his team is playing better, but his playing time is down. Still, he feels he'll be able to earn $30-$70,000 a year playing in Israel.

LSU's Dannyel (Danny) Moscovitz is from Ramat Gan, where he was a teammate of Arditti. He played in LSU's first nine games, with the highlight a basket and five of six free throws against Texas. He was born in Vilnius, Lithuania, and moved to Israel as a child.

Gilad Katz, from Tel Aviv, started six of UConn's first 19 games, with his personal scoring best 11 points against Providence.

Barnea, from Haifa, was on Israel's national Youth Team that won the European championship before he moved up to the national team. He was expected to contend for a starting small forward spot at Seton Hall, but suffered a stress fracture of the leg and missed the first six games of the season. Since then he's been averaging 9.3 minutes per game. He scored eight points, grabbed three rebounds and had two steals against Arditti and Boston College on Jan. 15.

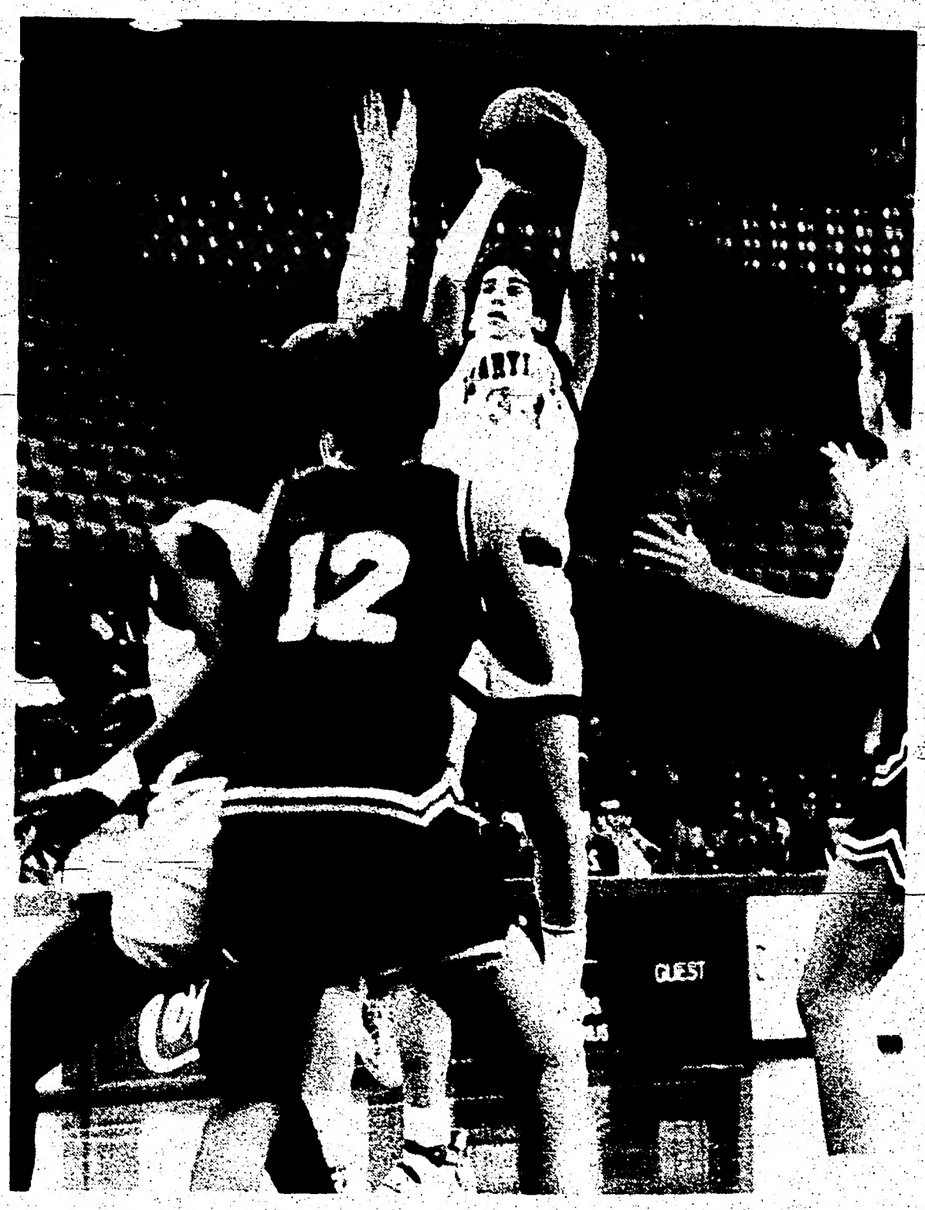
With UNLV winning many games by one-sided margins, Waldman has had some impressive statistics: eight assists in one game, 10 in another. He is a 6-3 freshman who averaged 17.4 points per game in high school and was named Nevada "Player of the Year" as a senior.

While UNLV's Iris Dinerstein's statistics aren't that impressive, she did play in 14 of her team's first 18 games, averaging 8 minutes, 2.3 points and 2.6 rebounds.

Orly Grossman, however, was voted to the Big East's second all-star rookie team in the preseason, based on her reputation as a five-year starter as shooting guard for Israel's national team. A native of Tel Aviv, she is UConn's fourth-highest scorer, at 9.2 points per game, although she started just two of 19 games.

Aluma Goren started 11 of the first 20 Maryland games, averaging 10.4 points, 4.1 assists (tops on the team) and three rebounds.

She is the highest-scoring freshman woman player in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and has been named "rookie of the week" once; the same honor has come to her former teammate, Orly Grossman, in the Big East.



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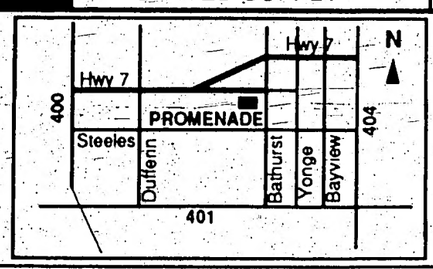


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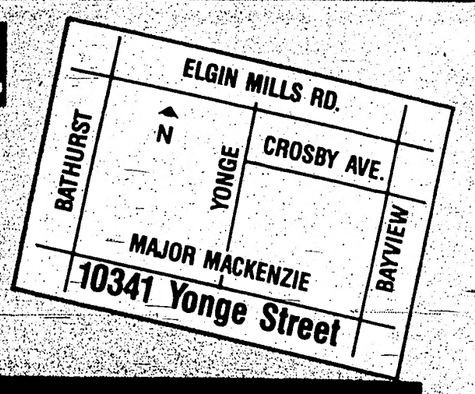


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